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TRIPLE DISASTER.

Shipwrecked—and Then
Pirated!

H.K. RIVER STEAMER'S FATE.

Outlaws Use Machine-Guns to
Deter Pursuers.

Samshui, an important port on the lower course of the West River, has been the scene of a triple shipping disaster, at least two of the three boats involved being owned by merchants in Hong Kong.

Foreign outdoor officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs station are believed to have been taken away by pirates who boarded the s.s. "Kwong Hung."

Yesterday a report was published about a fatal collision between the s.s. "Leung Kwong" and the s.s. "Tin Sing." Later advice is that some of the unfortunate passengers were "saved" by pirates in the guise of "rescuers" and abducted away for ransom.

Native volunteer militia who gave chase to the "Kwong Hung" were repelled by machine-guns.

Eventful Last Trip.
The "Kwong Hung" was for years on the Hong Kong-Wuchow run. Her sister-ship, the "Kwong Ying," has already returned to Hong Kong to resume her old trade.

Probably on her last trip down from Wuchow to Canton, the "Kwong Hung" had a valuable cargo on board. After arrival at Canton, it was likely that she would have come on to Hong Kong to join the "Kwong Ying."

There are several ports of call on the West River. Situated near the junction with the North River and connected with Canton by a short railway, Samshui is the best known.

The "Kwong Hung" left Wuchow on Tuesday and entered Samshui on Wednesday early, in the morning to land passengers and be cleared by the Customs.

\$100,000 Loot.
It is not known whether the gang of about 30 pirates boarded the ship at Wuchow or Samshui. At any rate, while the Customs officers were still on board, the band rushed the bridge and engine room and took control.

A course was set for the upper river and the "Kwong Hung" sailed again just as darkness was lifting.

In such close proximity to the town, it was natural that an alarm should be raised. Detachments of the volunteer militia were summoned. A fast launch was procured and the volunteers proceeded to give chase.

When the launch hove within range, the pirates on the "Kwong Hung" opened fire with a machine-gun and the volunteers retreated on their launch.

With the cargo, the "Kwong Hung" had on board about \$100,000, including the money and property carried by the passengers and the compradore department.

Going to the Den.
No information as to the whereabouts of the "Kwong Hung" is available at the moment.

She is of the smaller type of river steamer and would be too cumbersome for the outlaws to keep as a prize.

The Naval authorities in Hong Kong have not been advised about the piracy.

Accordingly, it is presumed that inquiries up-river will be in the hands of the Chinese, unless foreign gunboats are asked to search for the Customs officers who were on the boat.

From what is known of the "big gangs" of pirates on that part of the West River, the surmise is that the passengers will be taken away to the stronghold to be held for ransom, but that the foreigners will be set ashore (or cast off) as soon as convenient.

Scylla and Charybdis.
Latest reports give the number of drowned in the collision as approximately a hundred.

The collision also occurred near Samshui and both the "Leung Kwong" and the "Tin Sing" were also on the Canton-Wuchow run.

The "Leung Kwong," which used to be a regular caller at Hong Kong, was badly holed and sank. About 70 of the steerage passengers were drowned.

The "Tin Sing," also, made water rapidly and is reported to have run aground, with the river

PEASANTS' HELP.

ONE REASON FOR CANTON'S
VICTORIES.

CURIOUS PHASE OF WAR.

Canton openly claims that her recent military successes in central China were assisted by peasants who took either an active or passive part in the fighting.

Membership in peasant organizations is now given as follows:

Province	Members
Kwantung	966,441
Kwangsi	5,114
Szechuan	10,778
Hunan	38,160
Hubei	2,700
Kiangsi	6,172
Shantung	284
Chihli	1,842
Honan	270,000
Shensi	1,000
Fukien	120
(families)	
Jehol	2,200
Chahar	600

One report about the war work of peasants says:—

Over 10,000 peasants of Kuikiang and the neighbouring districts, organised special transport sections to help the Northern Expeditionary troops. It was the peasants of Ping-hsiang who saved our soldiers

TROOPS LOOT BANKS.

Hangchow Disorder
After Defeat.

"ALLIES" ATTACK AGAIN?

Wu Pei-fu's Latest Attempt to
Come Back.

Shanghai, Oct. 23.

Reports from Hangchow last night state that Hsia Chao's forces looted the local banks following Hsia Chao's disappearance.—Reuter.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Simultaneous with the report that Marshal Sun Chuan-lang is again in the ascendancy in his "home provinces" comes a report that fighting has broken out on the border of Honan and Hubei provinces, and that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has at last moved out to fight.

On Thursday night Hsia Chao fled from Hangchow, after having gone as far as Kashing to direct his "rebel" troops against those of Marshal Sun Chuan-lang.

After short skirmishes—none lasting more than an hour or so—the Chekiangites fell back and the

TRADE RESUMING.

MUCH-IMPROVED TONE AT
KONGMOON.

MERCHANTS' INITIATIVE.

From Kongmoon comes the reassuring news that merchants there have taken steps to resume trade with Hong Kong, in spite of no cargo being carried thence by steamers from this Colony.

When it became known that the Strike Committee at Pakkai (port of Kongmoon) had forbidden the Customs brokers to land cargo because the Canton Government had not yet installed a depot to collect surtaxes, merchants and others got together to relieve the stress.

A report to hand says that at the request of the merchants, the Strikers have communicated with Canton, asking for instructions. It is felt that a favourable answer will have been made known by next week, after which cargo can be landed.

In spite of the first check at Kongmoon, local agents here have received a good many buying orders, with instructions to delay shipment until further notice.

Elsewhere there is no change to report.

MAN OF DESTINY?

Chang Tso-lin's Grip on
Peking.

A BANKRUPT GOVERNMENT.

How to Become President of
China.

Peking, October 15.

All signs point to the certainty that Marshal Chang Tso-lin will soon come to Peking, declare an emergency, and then proclaim himself acting Chief Executive.

After this important step he will summon what is left of the old parliament, and be elected President of China.

In its present situation, Peking will welcome almost any strong man at the head of what is left of the Government, and since Wu Pei-fu's collapse at Hankow and Sun Chuan-lang's check by the Cantonese, Chang Tso-lin seems to be the best man to take hold.

"See a Sick Sister."
The first signs of Chang Tso-lin's dominance in Peking affairs were in the fact that Wu Pei-fu's commandant of the Peking Garrison had to "go to see a sick sister." A Fengtien man was promptly given the office.

Then, when Dr. Wellington Koo assumed the office of acting Premier and Minister for Foreign Affairs, his first act was to read to the new Cabinet a wire of congratulation from the Mukden warlord.

Now Mr. Pan Fu, the new Minister of Finance, has gone to Mukden, before assuming office formally, to consult Chang Tso-lin about taxes, loans, and the general fiscal programme of the new Government.

Peaceful Penetration.

Even more important is the fact that all of the Japanese news agencies and newspapers in North China are now carrying news items to the effect that Chang Tso-lin, in the present emergency, feels that he must take over supreme power in order to help stabilize conditions.

There has also been an unobtrusive movement of Fengtien soldiers southward. The proper Chihli (metropolitan) troops have been made little use of, but Chang Tso-lin has used his own Fengtien forces to occupy the territory south of here, which Wu Pei-fu has had to give up since his crushing defeat at Hankow. At present Chang Tso-lin's soldiers occupy all of Chihli province and part of Honan, and they are still advancing in their career of "peaceful penetration."

Whoever finally takes possession of Peking as Chief Executive or Dictator, or President (names mean nothing), will need money at once, for all departments of the Government are bankrupt.

The schools, existing on 20 per cent. of the salary due in April of last year, are not the worst off.

Treaties Will Stay?

The Foreign Office owes 17 months' salaries and expenses to the ministries and consuls abroad. This totals more than \$4,000,000. It also owes more than \$200,000 to the League of Nations. The Bank of China, carrying an overdraft of \$300,000, refuses to cash Foreign Office cheques, and the telegraph companies, to which more than \$360,000 is owed, refuse to accept anything save prepaid Foreign Office messages.

With the Government in this pitiful condition, all manner of important foreign propositions are pressing for settlement. The Sino-Belgian and Sino-Japanese treaties expire this month. The Tariff Conference has not met since July 3.

The present Government has no real power to insist upon revision of the expiring treaties, and both Belgium and Japan want them to continue automatically because the tariff and extra-territoriality conferences have as yet not rounded off their labours.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official forecast for the weather is:—
Hong Kong and adjoining coast: moderate North winds; fine, becoming cooler.
Formosa Channel: N. E. winds, fine.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th OCTOBER to the 2nd NOVEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th October, 1926.

NOTICES.



NOTICE.

ISLAND ROAD.

THE ROAD round the Island will be OPENED for traffic from TO-DAY, the 23rd inst., but drivers must proceed with caution at places where breaches in the road were made by recent storms, as only half of the roadway is available for traffic at these points.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 22nd October, 1926.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG
COMPANIES (WINDING-UP)
No. 1 of 1924

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinance 1911—1925
and
The Chinese Merchants' Bank, Limited.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended to declare a second dividend in the above matter, and Creditors, who have not already done so, are required on or before the Thirtieth day of November, 1926, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the Undersigned, the Liquidator of the said Company, and are also required by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Office of the Official Receiver, Supreme Court, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
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POWER OF THOUGHT.

LECTURE AT THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

HOW HABIT SETS UP.

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "The Power of Thought." He said in brief—

Man possesses a vehicle or body corresponding to each of the interpenetrating worlds of our solar system—an astral body as vehicle of his desires, passions and emotions, meanwhile his thought expresses itself through that higher vehicle of still finer matter called the mental body.

Thought is a vibration of mental matter in man's mental body and directly affects the mental body, tending to set up a thought habit. At the same time it also affects all the other vehicles of man, below the mental body, in degree of density.

It is well known that certain kinds of thought will readily provoke emotion, and in the same way the thought vibration in the mental body works its way up to the causal body of matter, which is seat of the true man, the Ego, building up qualities in the Ego himself.

Thought is infectious. But thought not only affects the thinker, tending to repeat itself and to act on the emotions and the Ego.

Every thought also affects the whole sea of mental matter surrounding the man, acting also upon other men's mental bodies moving within that sea, by a radiating undulation, which means that thought is infectious.

Besides the vibratory undulation set up in the sea of mental matter, thought produces also so-called thought-forms—a definite separate object, endowed with force and vitality, which is able in many cases to behave like a temporary living creature.

This form, like the vibration, may be in the mental world only, but much more frequently it descends to the astral level and produces its principal effect in the world of emotions.

Mental Atmosphere.

In the average man the mental body, unlike the desire body, is only partially developed, at our stage of evolution, and cannot yet be used as a separate vehicle of consciousness in the higher worlds, except by those who have been specially trained in its use, under Teachers belonging to the Great Brotherhood of Initiates.

In the majority of men, therefore, the higher portions of the mental body are as yet quite dormant, even when the lower portions are in vigorous activity.

The whole mental atmosphere is therefore surging with vibrations belonging to the lowest mental subdivision, but there is as yet comparatively little activity on the higher sub-divisions of the mental plane.

The distance covered by a thought wave and the persistence with which it can impinge upon the mental bodies of others, depend upon the strength and clearness of the Original thought.

Good & Evil.

A strong thought will carry much further than one which is weak and undecided, but clearness and distinctness are even of greater importance than strength.

The action of a thought-undulation is eminently adaptable. It may exactly reproduce itself, if it finds a mental body which readily responds to it in every particular, but when this is not the case it may nevertheless produce a decided effect along lines broadly similar to its own.

A good thought, even in the case of a less sympathetic recipient, could not fail, but stir a higher part

of his mental body into some sort of activity, and the final results could not else than be good.

The action of an evil or impure thought is governed by the same laws.

A man who is so foolish as to allow himself to think of another with hatred or envy radiates a wave which tends to provoke similar passions in others, and though his feeling of hatred be for some one quite unknown to these others, yet the radiation will stir in them an emotion of the same nature towards a totally different person.

How Thought-Forms Work.

The work of the thought-form is more limited, but more precise. It cannot reach so many persons, indeed, it cannot act upon a person at all unless he has in himself something which is harmonious with it.

There are three classes of thought-forms.

Those definitely directed towards another person, sending a thought of affection or gratitude or unfortunately of its opposite, will go straight towards the person to whom it is directed and fasten itself upon him, discharging itself upon him, as he has within him active oscillations of like nature as the energy encasing the thought-form.

Other thought-forms remain floating in the immediate neighbourhood of the thinker, in the case of thoughts which are chiefly connected with the thinker himself, tending to re-act upon him, to stir up in his mind a repetition of the thought to which he was previously yielded himself.

Idly Floating Thoughts.

A man, not knowing the nature of thought, feeling the pressure, the constant suggestion of the thought-forms from without, may very likely, if his thought was evil, believe himself to be tempted by the devil, whereas the evil thoughts are entirely of his own creation in the past.

Thirdly, there is a class of thought-form, if the thought was neither centred round the thinker nor aimed specially at any person—which simply remains idly floating in the atmosphere where it was created, and every man leaves behind him, wherever he goes, such kind of thought-forms, as a sort of trail which marks his route.

The whole atmosphere is filled with thought-forms of this latter type, vague and indefinite, and if our minds are not already definitely occupied, these fragments of other people's thoughts will seriously affect us.

Must Control Emotions.

Knowing thus, the nature of thought, and power of thought, what can we do to forward our own evolution and to help others?

In the development of the mental body, we must not allow the mind or the emotions to hold sway over us, but control them, recognising that neither the mind nor the emotions are the man, but only instruments which the true man, the re-incarnating Ego, must learn to use to manifest his divine powers through them, in the service of the One Life which is in all.

All who can think can send out kindly, constructive helpful thoughts, to the living and so-called "dead," alike and no such thought has ever failed or can ever fail, while the laws of the universe hold.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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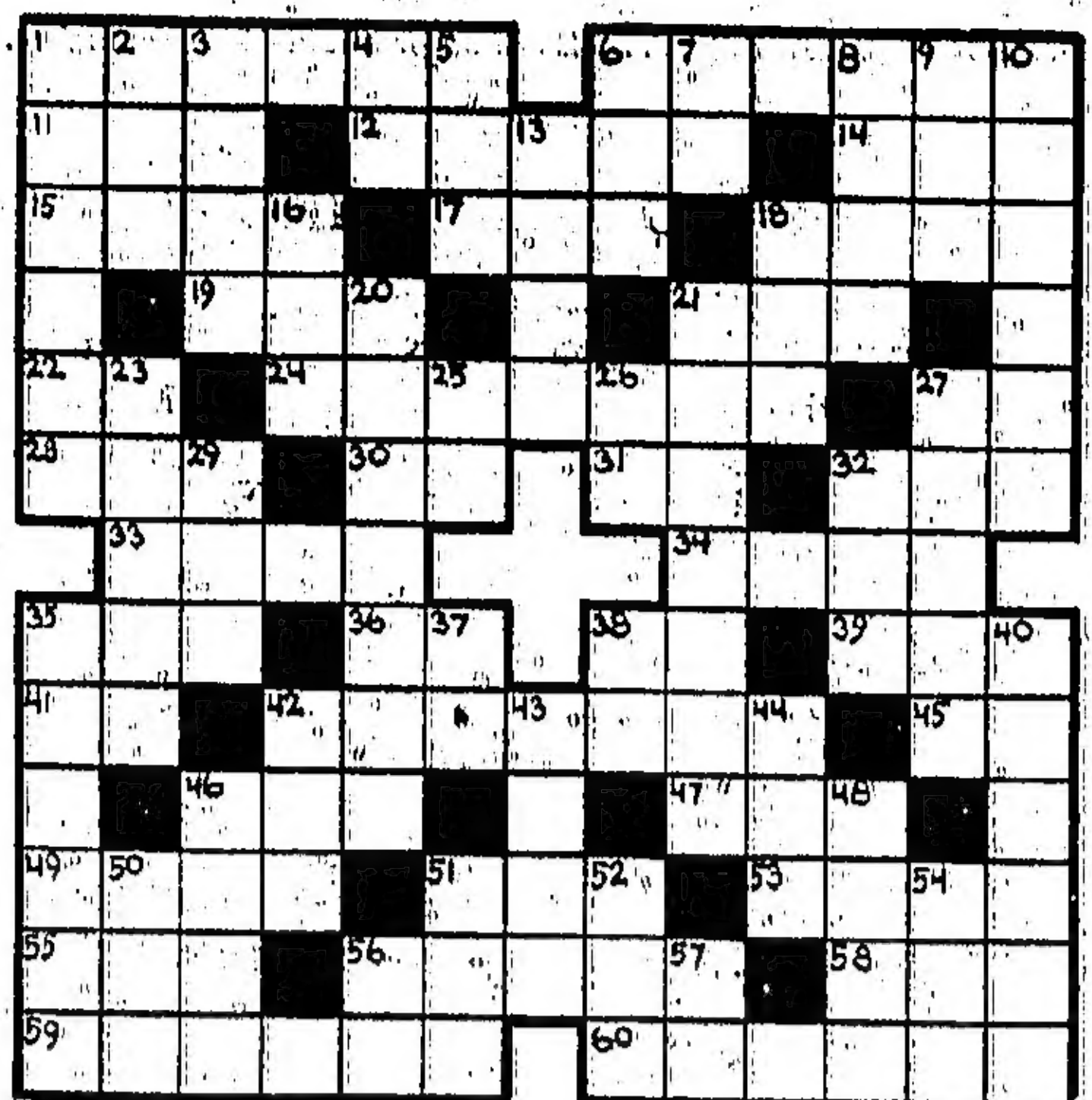
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A mixture of beef and mutton fat | 42-Thicket | 21-Dental surgeon |
| 2-To obtain upon promise of return | 43-Transportation system (abbr.) | 22-Green spot in a desert |
| 11-Frozen water | 44-Coal scuttle | 23-Prefix meaning "former" |
| 12-Preference | 45-A horse's gait | 24-S, State of U. S. (abbr.) |
| 14-Poem | 46-Large bird | 27-On who makes bread |
| 15-Vexatious person | 47-Facial feature | 28-Meaning of weight |
| 17-A light vehicle | 48-Auditory organ | 29-Head covering |
| 18-Vein of ore | 49-Concur | 30-Abstained from food |
| 19-To send | 50-Turn | 31-Inside |
| 21-Obscure | 51-An electrical machine | 32-Prefix. From |
| 22-Behold | 52-That is to say | 33-Piglike |
| 24-Circled, as a bird in flight | VERTICAL | 34-A point |
| 27-Exist | 1-To slip often | 35-To alight |
| 28-Close | 2-A one-spot | 36-A metal |
| 30-Roman numeral | 3-Not so much | 37-Cape in South America |
| 31-Article | 4-From | 38-Attitude |
| 32-A mean fellow | 5-Sideways movement | 39-A beam of light |
| 33-Acid | 6-Fen | 40-Past time |
| 34-Wood grown in India | 7-Conjunction | 41-Know |
| 35-Part of fish | 8-Free or open space | 42-The sun |
| 36-New England State (abbr.) | 9-Travel | 43-Part of the verb "to be" |
| 38-Prefix. Two | 10-Cleared of weeds | 44-Each (abbr.) |
| 39-Wooden pin | 11-Climbing plant | |
| 41-Like | 12-To haul | |
| | 13-Top | |
| | 14-That is to say | |
| | 15-Sounding | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will clue others. A letter between each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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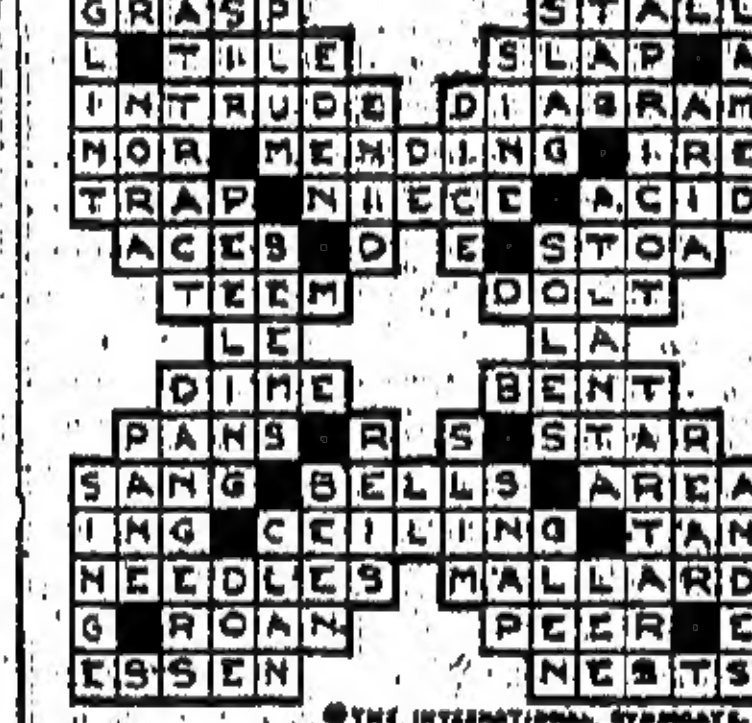
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Hong Kong Station, Oct. 21, 1926.

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Berislak (2), from New York.
Griffen, Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Hedden Manners, from Perthwa.
E. J. PATERSON, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 21st October, 1926.

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(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East or Greenwich)

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October 23	6.23 a.m.	5.32 p.m.
24	6.23	5.32
25	6.23	5.32
26	6.24	5.31
27	6.24	5.30
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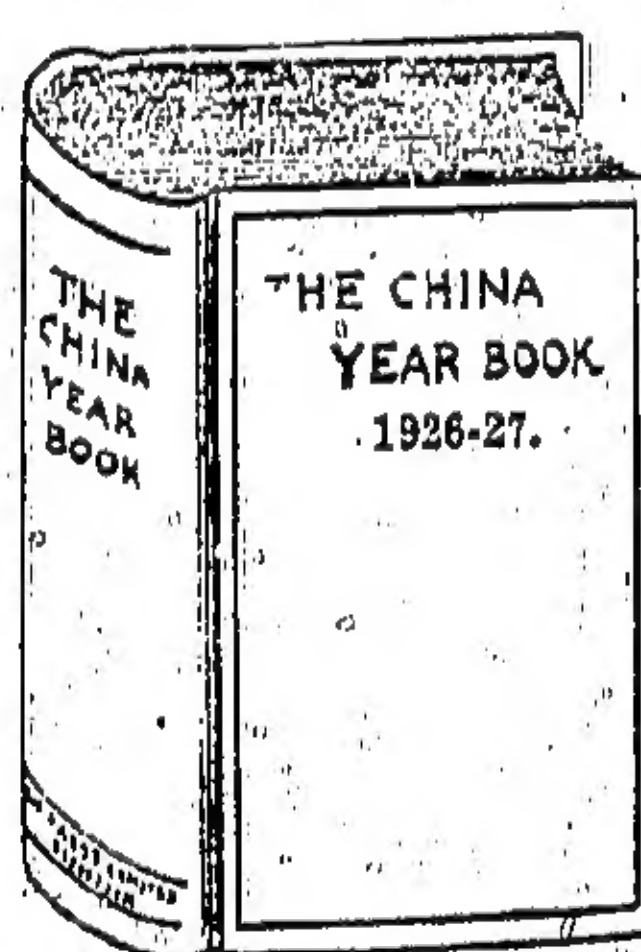
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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

BORNEO MARU Wednesday, 3rd November.

INDO MARU Sunday, 7th November.

SHUNKO MARU Friday, 19th November.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

THE "NEMESIS."

PADDOE STEAMER'S TRIP TO CHINA.

A REMINISCENCE.

An interesting reference to the early days of the British Navy in South China, before the foundation of the Colony of Hong Kong, was made in the course of a few remarks by Capt. Hallifax, of R.M.S. "Carlisle" which followed the address on "The Ship" at the Engineers' Institute last night (a report of which appears elsewhere in our issue).

Capt. Hallifax recalled the history of the "Nemesis," an iron paddle steamer built in 1839 and sent out here in 1840 where she was a welcome addition to the Fleet, under Commodore Sir Gordon Bremer, consisting entirely of sailing ships.

The "Nemesis" did yeoman service, said Capt. Hallifax, as she was able with her steam to get up the narrow channels of the delta of the Canton River and by her very appearance and the fact that she was without sails and was made of iron, struck terror into the hearts of the Chinese.

A Thing of Awe.

The "Nemesis" continued the speaker, was the first iron vessel to round the Cape of Good Hope and it took her eight months to reach Macao from England. Wherever she called she was looked upon with wonder as something entirely new and epoch making, as indeed she was.

The dimensions of the "Nemesis" were: length, 184 ft., beam, 29 feet; depth, 11 feet; displacement, 630 tons. She drew 5½ feet of water, was fitted with paddle wheels and engines of 120 horse power and was either the first or one of the first ships to be fitted with transverse watertight bulkheads.

Capt. Hallifax detailed some of the incidents of the voyage of the "Nemesis" to China, including the fixing in heavy seas of a temporary fake rudder when the original one was carried away before the ship got to the Cape and the encountering of a tremendous gale.

A Modern Trend.

One felt a great admiration for the officers and men of such a ship, continued the speaker, and he rather fancied that the springing of dockyards all over the world had caused the naval officer, other than those of the shipwright hands, to lose a large amount of the knowledge of ship construction and repairs that he evidently possessed at one time.

In conclusion, Capt. Hallifax said that, however, much they who lived in ships might grumble at what they no doubt ignorantly termed the "entire lack of imagination" on the part of the builders, deep down in their hearts they knew the difficulties they had to contend with, envied them their knowledge and training and were really grateful to them for all they did for them not only in construction but in the upkeep of their ships. And if he might say so in Mr. Gillingham's presence, they whose ships refitted at Hong Kong considered themselves lucky in finding here a Chief Constructor as sympathetic and helpful as Mr. Gillingham.

"Hermes" Girdling.

Mr. McKewan, speaking as a naval constructor, remarked upon the interesting fact that the "ram" which was first used by the Greeks and also commented on the fact that there was in the harbour at the present moment a scientific application of a process which was in use as a rule of thumb method in the seventeenth century, viz., that of "girdling," an example of which was to be seen in the "Hermes" for the purpose of allowing for the superstructure.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

The Admiral Oriental liner "President Jefferson" arrived yesterday at 6.30 p.m., being 10 hours late. She brought about 28 first cabin passengers, 340 tons of general cargo besides mail from America, Canada and Siberian mail. The "Jefferson" leaves this afternoon for Manila.

Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., have been advised that the s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port yesterday afternoon and is due here on October 27 at daylight.

From Japan, the Japanese steamer "Haruna Maru" arrived this morning with a cargo of 112 tons, passengers and mail for discharge here. She will leave this afternoon for Marseilles and London via Singapore.

The local office of the Canadian Pacific has been advised by their Manila office that the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" will be despatched from that port this afternoon at 5 p.m. and is due here on Monday morning with passengers, cargo and mail.

For San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, the Dollar liner "President Lincoln" is scheduled to leave to-morrow at noon with passengers, cargo and mail for America and Canada.

From Los Angeles and San Francisco via Japan and Shanghai, the Japanese steamer "Shinyo Maru" is expected to arrive on Monday morning. She will leave for San Francisco on November 1, at noon.

The China Navigation Co. will despatch 4 of their steamers to-morrow for various ports. The "Shantung" will sail for Shanghai and Tsingtao, the "Kanchow" bound for Antung, the "Chinhua" en route to Bangkok and the "Teian" will be despatched for Hoihow and Haiphong.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrival at Hong Kong was reported:-
Hinsang (4350) Bri, from Sandakan; J. M.

Departures.
For Shanghai: Chipshing.
For Singapore: Yuen Sang.
For Quinhon: Devawongse.
For Tientsin: Taikoo Wan Yi.
For Sandakan: Lok Sun.

Clearances.
For Dairen: Kokoku Maru.
For Hoihow: Dorry.
For Singapore: Chak Sang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

British	22
Panama	1
Japanese	1
Chinese	12
German	2
Dutch	3
Portuguese	3
Norwegian	2
No flag	1
American	1
Total	48

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed, Dr. Kenelm Hutchison Digby to be a member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years, with effect from October 10.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council for a period of five years, with effect from July 9.

Director Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine Association has announced that, following the Royal Mail Packet's recent decision the White Star Line and the American Lines have now also resolved to discontinue touching at Hamburg. The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" further reports that the Cunard Line too is contemplating a similar decision. The Berlin press attributes these decisions of the foreign steamship companies to the growing strength of the German mercantile marine.

EMPIRE SHIPPING.

AN ATTRACTIVE NEW SCHEME.

Rugby, Oct. 23.

Of the many schemes for speeding up communications with the Empire that are advanced for the consideration of the Imperial Conference, one which is attracting attention is for the establishing and building of fast mail steamers between Britain and India and Australia. The scheme, it is stated, had been approved in principle by the Australian Government, and, if adopted, it would involve the formation of a company with a capital of about £11,000,000 to build a fleet of seven 22 knot liners which would save twelve days in the journey to Melbourne as compared with the present services.

It is not contemplated that either the Imperial or Dominion Governments should contribute to the capital of the line, but its promoters who include Sir James Conolly, formerly Agent-General for Western Australia, and other prominent business men, ask that approximately the same mail subsidies as are now paid shall be transferred to them, and also all assisted emigrant traffic other than that carried by Australian Commonwealth Lines "B" class steamers. Besides mails and passengers, it is proposed that the new vessels would carry refrigerated and general cargo.—British Wireless Service.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers by the s.s. "President Jefferson" from Shanghai, on October 20:-

Mr. T. N. Chan, Mr. Chin Park Chun, Mr. K. Y. Chow, Mr. L. Daulatran, Mr. S. W. Denmore, Mrs. D. D. Forbes, Miss A. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Fung, Miss M. Y. Fung, Mr. C. Y. Gattas, Mr. and Mrs. A. Haynes, Mrs. A. M. Harrold, Miss E. B. Harrold, Mr. J. E. Jacobs, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lee Sung, Mr. H. Ling, Mr. W. S. Lun, Mr. E. A. Newton, Mr. Mar Pook-wah, Mrs. Mar Chow-shae, Master Norman Mar, Miss R. Smythe, Mr. R. G. Walker, Miss Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Yan Chin-zee, Mrs. F. Barrell, Miss P. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnum, Miss M. Calloway, Mr. J. Connor, Miss M. Crepe, Miss C. Darling, Miss D. Domingo, Miss V. Escobar, Mr. T. I. Gilbert, Mr. J. C. Jones, Mr. C. List, Mr. J. E. McCall, Miss B. Morales, Miss P. Morales, Miss T. Morales, Miss T. Remires, Miss C. de Sanchez, Miss M. de Sanchez, Mr. Sam Shack, Mr. T. Suzuki, Mrs. H. Suzuki, Master Y. Suzuki, Master K. Suzuki, Mrs. J. A. Whitaker, Master P. Whitaker, Master R. Whitaker, Miss M. E. Whitaker and Mr. E. P. Williams.

WHO'S WHO.

Prominent passengers arriving yesterday per s.s. "President Jefferson" from Seattle via Japan and Shanghai are:-

Mr. R. G. Walker, son of a director of the Standard Oil Co. disembarking here to take up a position with the South China Dept.
Mr. S. W. Denmore, of the Standard Oil Co. of New York.
Mr. W. L. Daulatran, a merchant from East India.
Mrs. D. D. Forbes and Miss A. Forbes, returning residents of Hong Kong.
Mr. J. E. Jacobs, American, consul from Shanghai.
Mr. James B. McCall, of the Bureau of Education, en route to Manila.
Mr. Sam Shack, pugilist from New York en route to Manila for a series of boxing engagements.
Mrs. J. A. Whitaker, Master P. Whitaker, Master R. Whitaker and Miss M. E. Whitaker, residents of Manila returning from a visit in the States.

Mr. Chas. E. List and Mr. E. P. Williams, directing engineer of Baldwin Locomotive Works, Oriental Representative of Baldwin Locomotive Works.
Mr. T. Suzuki, member of the staff of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., returning to Manila from Japan, accompanied by his wife and two sons.

Mr. T. I. Gilbert, head of the Gilbert Import Co. of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. J. C. Jones, of the Pacific Commercial Co., cotton goods dept. Manila.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnum, a lawyer from Long Beach, Cal., accompanied by his wife on a tour around the world.

Miss P. Barrow, Miss M. Calloway, Miss M. Crepe, Miss G. Darling, Miss D. Domingo, Miss V. Escobar, Misses Besse, Peggie and Taling, Misses, Master Charito and M. de Sanchez and Miss T. Rom, members of the Manila All-Star Vaudeville Co., returning to Manila after a tour in Northern China.

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Jambongan	Departure	FRIDAY	October	29
Semporna	Arrival	FRIDAY	October	29
Lahad Datu	Departure	SATURDAY	October	30
Sandakan	Arrival	SATURDAY	October	30
Jambongan	Departure	SUNDAY	October	31
Jesselton	Arrival	MONDAY	November	1
Jesselton	Departure	WEDNESDAY	November	3
Jesselton	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	November	3
Jesselton	Departure	THURSDAY	November	4
Jesselton	Arrival	THURSDAY	November	5
Hongkong	Arrival	FRIDAY	November	10

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE

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HONG KONG'S BOYCOTT BUDGET.

This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" contains the full reports of the Budget proceedings in the Legislative Council.

Relatives and friends or business connections abroad, who may have wondered as to the effect of the Boycott—with regard to the fables about Hong Kong having become bankrupt—will be agreeably surprised when they read that the Colony's finances are still sound.

The 1927 Supply Bill speech of the Colonial Secretary is an excellent review; while the appeal of Sir Cecil Clementi for closer relationship with the Chinese merits the highest praise.

OUR TRADE IMPROVES.

That fund of information provided weekly is enhanced in value by the inclusion of the many reports about trade resumption following the cessation of the blockade. Stage by stage, the daily reports—all reproduced in the "Overland"—tell how conditions are returning to normal.

NEW ANTI-BRITISH AGITATION.

Then there are also the many despatches concerning anti-British agitation in ports along the Yangtze and in other parts of North China. Footnotes are appended to cables, so that non-Chinese can understand. Also the list of British homes looted in Chungking tells a vivid story.

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK.

As is the case every week, all the local and Chinese news is included, making a detailed record which conveys more than a series of personal letters. The current issue has:—"Trooping the Colour" articles; China War intelligence; cartoons; "short sleeve" controversy; local and social notes; &c. &c.

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MAINTUA	10,902	13th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KARNALA	9,123	27th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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DELTA	8,097	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,306	19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MAINTUA	10,902	5th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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TILAWA	10,000	23rd Nov.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	9,000	29th Oct.	Manila, Kolambagan, Sandakan, T. ALBANS
TANDA	9,055	2nd Dec.	Thursday Island, Townsville, T. ALBANS
ARAFURA	9,000	28th Jan.	Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
TANDA	9,055	4th March	
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GUNBOATS IN CHINA.

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A TACTFUL PATROL.

At the present moment, when, following the naval incident on the Yangtze, the little flotilla of British shallow-draft patrol boats is very prominent in the public eye, the following article by Lieut. Comdr. the Hon. J. M. Kenworthy, R.N., M.P., in the "Manchester Guardian," will be read with interest.
For forty years a flotilla of British gunboats has patrolled the great Yangtze, and another flotilla, the West River, running from Hong Kong past Canton, and far into the southern province of Kwangsi. Up to twenty years ago British trade was predominant in these two great river basins, and almost the only foreign flags seen on these inland waters were flown by British merchant vessels and British men-of-war. From about 1906 onwards the Japanese and German began to cut into this trade, but the British position still remains commercially strong, and on the Yangtze, in particular, the great merchant and shipping house of Butterfield and Swire dominates the trade.

British policy during all this long period has been to send gunboats as far up the navigable Chinese rivers as possible. They suppress piracy, supported our Consul in the Treaty ports, gave confidence to British merchants, and, on the whole, got on well with the Chinese authorities. They do not proceed up the Chinese rivers, under the influence of any treaty, and we have stoutly maintained our privileges of maintaining these vessels of war. Most of them are of small size, from 150 to 180 tons burden, armed with two small six-pounder guns and a few Maxims, their upper works armoured against rifle fire only. Though they have represented a force, these individually weak units, of slow speed and shallow draught, commanded by young officers, have done their work by a combination of tact and the extraordinary prestige in which the British have been held in China, at any rate up to recent times. During the great Boxer rebellion at the beginning of this century the whole Yangtze Valley of 150,000,000 inhabitants was comparatively quiet, and there were no outrages against foreigners of any nationality to speak of. This was almost entirely due to the influence of the British naval officers on the rivers in their little ships.

To-day things are different. The industry of civil war in China is becoming even more important than agriculture. The river basins are full of armed men possessed of artillery, and with little respect for the British or anyone else. On the West River our force consists of five shallow-draught lightly-armed gunboats, and they are probably well able to maintain both themselves and British prestige.

The British Force on the Yangtze. On the Yangtze the position is different. Our force consists of six heavy gunboats—the "Beo," "Scrab," "Gnat," "Cockshaf," "Cricket," and "Mantis"—of 650 tons burden, and armed with a couple of 9-in. guns. The "Beo" flies the flag of a rear-admiral (J. E. Cameron). This fact alone shows that the situation has altered, as during my three years on the China station, during which I made one long trip up the Yangtze and several up the West River, the most exalted officer regularly stationed in the inland waters was a senior Lieutenant. These four larger gunboats patrol the lower part of the Yangtze below the famous Ichon Rapids, known to the Chinese as the "Tiger's Tooth." Above these rapids the river widens and deepens again, and is regularly patrolled by four small gunboats—the "Woodcock," "Woodlark," "Wildgoose," and "Teal." These gunboats must be of the smallest size and shallowest draught to negotiate the rapids, and can only mount the light armament of two six-pounder guns.

The upper river patrol is under the command of a commander (Berryman) as senior naval officer. The gunboats can only negotiate the rapids by obtaining the assistance of great gangs of coolies hauling on their cables on the river bank. Once above the rapids they find themselves in the wealthy and peaceful province of Szechuan, not so far much troubled by military dictators and civil wars. Trade has been rapidly developing with this province, but it has only been made possible in the first place by these little gunboats. There are four sloops on the China station in addition, and the British sloops have patrolled the rivers to a considerable extent, but they usually spend their time showing the flag at the Treaty ports on the coast. That the forces, at any rate in the Upper Yangtze, are none too strong is shown by the fact that we armed a merchant ship as an auxiliary gunboat under Commander Darley, who was with me in the "Britannia," and was well known throughout the Service as an able and discreet officer. His death in the recent fighting is a real loss to the Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. S.S. "Arafura" left Moji for this port yesterday at 2 p.m. and is due here on October 27 at about a.m.

The B. L. S.S. "Benarty" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on Monday.

The P. & O. S.S. "Devanah" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 10 a.m. and is due here on October 27 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada," Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on October 28.

The M.V. S.S. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Antwerp on September 19 and is due here on or about October 25.

The M.V. S.S. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Rotterdam on September 19 and is due here on or about October 25.

The E. & A. S.S. "Tanda" left Sydney for this port on October 9 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on November 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports, and Shanghai, on October 14 and is due here on November 1.

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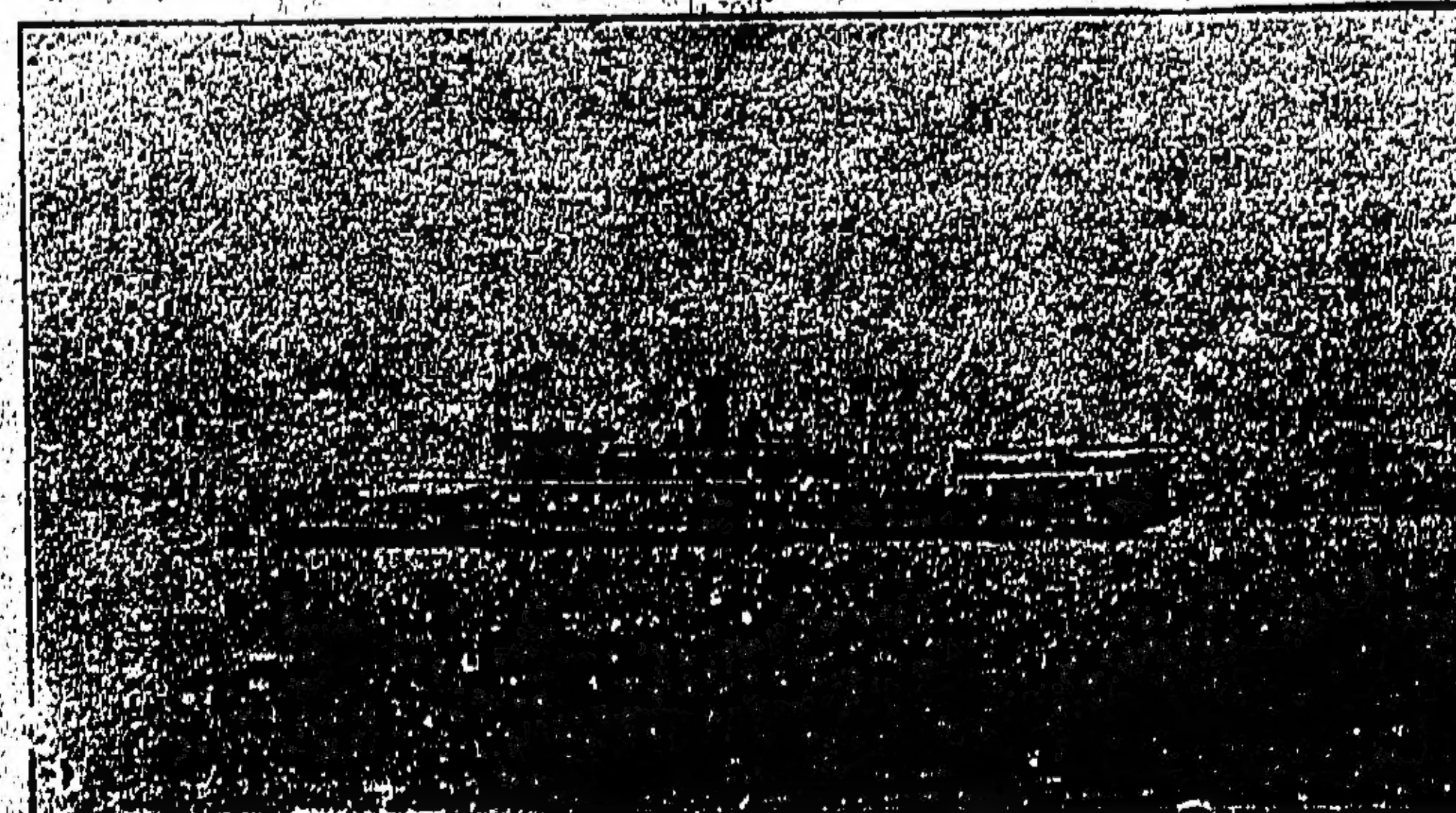
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ROYAL BIRTHDAY.

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To-morrow, Sunday, is the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, who was born on October 24, 1887.

Princess Victoria Eugenie as she then was, was married to H.M. King Alfonso XIII on May 31, 1906. As she is the daughter of the late Prince Henry of Battenberg and Princess Beatrice (daughter of our late Queen Victoria), she is cousin to our King George V.



H.M. the Queen of Spain.

Both Queen Victoria of Spain and King Alfonso are very popular in Britain and they pay regular visits there.

Queen Victoria of Spain has six children. The eldest holds the title of Prince of the Asturias; the heir to the throne is known as Prince Alfonso; he was born on May 10, 1907. The other children are Prince Jaime (born 1908), Princess Beatrice (born 1909), Princess Maria Cristina (born 1911), Prince Juan (born 1913) and Prince Gonzalo (born 1914).

The Queen's civil list, fixed by the Cortes, is 450,000 pesetas (equal to about £18,000). Should the King predecease her, the annual grant to her during widowhood is 250,000 pesetas (£10,000).

RESURRECTED?

EX-PRESIDENT OF CHINA "APPEARS."

LEE GARDEN MYSTERY.

In response to a request by the audience at the open-air theatre at Lee Garden (East Point) last night, Professor Lentz "produced" the spirit of the late Yuan Shi-kai!

Yuan Shi-kai was the first President of China, succeeding the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen who was provided



Magician who "produced" an ex-President of China.

sional president. After an abortive attempt to make himself Emperor of a new dynasty, Yuan Shi-kai died a broken-hearted man.

Such a feat, of course—if it can be called one—could not have been real; but its originality and its manner of execution won deserved applause.

Lentz is described as the King of Magicians. His repertoire is quite good and an element of fun pervades his presentation. Performances will be given again to-night and to-morrow night, starting at 9.15.

A visit to Lee Garden in the evening is undoubtedly worth while and the charges for admission are quite reasonable. Causeway Bay and Quarry Bay trams pass Lee Garden gate.

On Thursday afternoon, a boy named Au Yeung-fai (aged 14) fell on the ground while playing football outside the St. Paul's Hostel with the result that the radius of his right arm was broken. First Aid was applied by a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and after being bandaged up properly, he was taken home in a motor car.

SHIP EVOLUTION.

LECTURE AT ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

PHASES OF PROGRESS.

The history of the evolution of the present-day ship, from the time of the first hollowed-out tree trunk, was given at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders yesterday evening by Mr. J. S. Gillingham, M.I.N.A., M.B.E., of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors.

There was a large attendance at this the first of a winter series of lectures on subjects of interest to members.

Mr. J. Ormiston, President of the Institution, presided and welcomed the visitors, referring with pleasure to the presence of several ladies. He referred to the lectures and demonstrations on wireless and radio which had been arranged at the Institute in November and December and hoped that many members and friends would make a point of attending.

In the course of the lecture, Mr. Gillingham exhibited sketches showing the sizes of the vessels of the various ages through which he took his hearers, using as a comparison a sketch of the "Britannic." Even more striking was the comparison of the size of modern vessels and objects which are considered large on shore when a model of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong was placed against the "Britannic" and was completely "swallowed up."

At the conclusion of the lecture a few lantern slides were thrown on the screen.

A Potent Factor: The lecturer first dealt in general terms with the potent factor that the evolution of the ship had been in the progress of civilisation and the barriers which had encompassed the white peoples in the north west of Europe and the British Isles immediately prior to the discovery of the American continent which "flanked" the "siege" of the white people by the Mongol and the Moslem and released the free way to the old market of the East.

Entering into more detail regarding the development of transport by sea since early days, the lecturer dealt with early primitive methods and referred, amongst other preserved remains, to the hollowed tree trunk unearthed at Brigg, in Lincolnshire which is believed to date from about 1100 B.C.

The next phase in the development of the ship was that which saw the construction of the covering of a skeleton frame work with hide or other water excluding substance, a relic of which was still to be observed in modern ship phraseology such as "reference to the frames of a vessel as "ribs" and to the joints of her plating as "seams."

Egyptian Influence: The contribution to the art of shipbuilding made by the Egyptians was also the subject of reference and the practice by native in Chinese and Burmese waters at the present day of steering their vessels by means of an oar in the stern was stated, according to some authorities, to be a survival of the practice and pattern of vessel evolved by the Egyptian. The influence of the Greeks with their "row-galleys" was next dealt with and the construction of a famous vessel in the reign of the Emperor Constantine for the removal to Rome of the great obelisk of Heliopolis in Egypt.

Coming to shipbuilding progress in Britain, the lecturer stated that the Crusades were of great educational value to the British in that they revealed the existence in the Mediterranean of new and valuable types of vessels largely evolved from the original Egyptian, Phoenician and Roman patterns.

Illustrating the remarkable achievement of Columbus, the lecturer said that his ship, the "Santa Maria," was certainly not more than 200 tons burthen and probably nearer 100; at a rough estimate she was rather less than 100 feet in length and of about 25 feet beam.

British Navy's "Birth." With the construction of the "Great Harry" in Henry VIII's reign the lecturer ascribed the "birth of the British navy." She was of 1,000 tons burthen, had four masts and a bowsprit and carried no fewer than 141 guns.

The earliest record of the actual designer of British warships, corresponding to our present Director of Naval Construction, Sir William Berry, said the lecturer appeared in connection with the building of the "Prince Royal" in 1610 and the first man to work out with reasonable accuracy beforehand the draught of a ship was Sir Anthony Dean, who succeeded Pinnes Pett. A fact recorded in Pepy's diary. The dimensions of the "Victory" give us an exact idea of Naval

CAPT. R. G. STURGES.

GUEST AT A FAREWELL DINNER.

MARINES OLD COMRADES.

Capt. R. G. Sturges, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, was entertained at the Cafe Parisien last night at dinner on the occasion of his leaving the Colony. His hosts were the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association.

Among those present were Major E. Bamford, V.C., D.S.O., the Zabrugga hero, Capt. Cornish, Capt. Spicer, Capt. Wildman-Lushington, Lieut. Day, Lieut. O. Cathcart-Jones, Lieut. Smyth and Lieut. Soletree.

The hosts included the following Old Marines:—Messrs. S. J. Clarke, W. Blackman, J. W. Beattie, Pearce, O'Neill, Warden, McFall, Baker, Gossett, Johnson, V. Blundell, P. Blundell, J. D. McEwen, W. Ward, George, Simpson and C. E. Frith (Hon. Secretary of the Association).

Mr. Frith, who presided, made a presentation of a silver travelling clock inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Capt. R. G. Sturges, by the members of the R.M.O.C.A. (H.K. Unit and South China), October, 1926." and Capt. Sturges, in responding, proposed the future well-being of the Old Comrades' Association.

FERRY PIRACY.

EYE-WITNESS'S STORY OF ATTACK.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

Reference to the grilles which it is alleged were not locked during the trip from Sai Kung was made at the resumed hearing yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy of the charge against five men, who are alleged to have participated in high seas robbery and the murder of an Indian guard aboard the ferry piloted between Hong Kong and Sai Kung. The coxswain, who was called in evidence, would make no admission as to being responsible for the locking of the grilles, the keys of which were in the possession of the Indian guards.

The coxswain identified three of the prisoners as having taken part in the attack on the guards and the commandeering of the ferry. The guard who was killed, he stated, had been with him (the coxswain) in the wheel house when the rush on the bridge was made and he immediately rushed out to the assistance of the other guards. Shortly afterwards, witness heard three shots and saw the guard collapse on the deck. The case was again adjourned.

architecture in the middle of the 18th century and the fact that since she was laid down in Chatham in 1759 and been in the water almost continually since those years, notwithstanding that many of her timbers have been replaced, is a speaking tribute to the sturdiness of her construction.

The amazingly rapid rate of progress in evolving various ship types since the application of sound scientific principles to ship design was referred to by the lecturer who went into detail regarding the application of the steam engine to marine propulsion, the forerunner of the several revolutions in sea transport of the 19th century.

Another "Milestone." The introduction of the screw propeller and the introduction of iron and steel as materials for ship-building, other events of outstanding importance in the 19th century, were described in detail and the construction of the "Great Eastern" was referred to as "one of the milestones in the history of Naval Architecture."

Finally, dealing with the principal development of the 20th century—that of the application of the internal combustion engine to marine propulsion—the lecturer said:

"Science is inexorable in its demands for progress, and already a vessel is in existence which is fitted with a new type of steam engine which will work at very high pressure in order to compete with the internal combustion engine as regards consumption. That Sir Charles Parsons is associated with the venture, is an assurance that there is something in it, in which case we shall have advanced another step in the evolution of the ship, whilst if the gas turbine should prove to be a practical proposition, all previous methods of marine propulsion are likely to be rendered immediately obsolete."

The lecturer was accorded hearty thanks for his interesting paper on the proposition of the Chairman, followed by Mr. W. J. Stokes, the Hon. Librarian. Reference to an interesting discussion is made elsewhere in this issue.

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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Although the dollar shows signs of rallying, the almost sensational drop in the earlier part of the week was responsible for not a little consternation. Due to the recommendation of the gold standard in India, silver reached a new low record in New York with the inevitable reaction on our local currency. For married men and others sending home remittances the sudden fall, with the prospect of a descent still further, meant the equivalent of a very considerable reduction in salary and those to whom the prospect of home leave had loomed high upon the horizon had visions of a much curtailed programme on the proceeds of their savings. What the future holds for the dollar none can tell with any degree of assurance although prophecies have been made in a spirit of pessimism which, fortunately, does not appear at present to be justified.

Whilst the consumer has not yet been called upon to pay in any substantial degree increased prices as a result of the decline in the dollar, the time would come, if the decline were maintained, when prices of goods from home would show the inevitable reflection. But by far the more serious effect of the decline is in its effect on the importing of goods into China. A drop such as that which took place this week is equivalent to a very substantial tax on goods ordered at the rate then prevailing. The converse is, of course, the case in regard to exports but China not by any means being a self-supporting country will have eventually to take in stocks to make good the deficiency. If the dollar continues to fall or maintain its present level prices of piece goods etc. will naturally be rather higher—and added to this will be the surtaxes imposed in Canton. Some hesitancy on the part of the dealers, as reflected in the market, is therefore to be expected and it is unfortunate that the situation should have arisen at a time when

the raising of artificial barriers augured well for the future. The trade situation is, however, far from being critical and, in fact, is decidedly better than a few weeks ago. Exchange or no exchange, the goods which have stood the test for many years will find their way to those who are in need of them.

The position in the coal dispute seems to be such that if a settlement is not reached quickly matter may drift so far as to be virtually beyond control. Things would then, in a sense, "settle themselves." The miners would continue to drift back to work, perhaps faster, and at length the stage would be reached at which industry would no longer be conscious of the shocks of the coal stoppage. From a national point of view, however, and not from that of either party whose leaders have in each case been guilty of gross errors, it is a matter of considerable doubt whether this end to the stoppage would in any way be a settlement. The cause of discontent and unrest would remain. The miners would feel that in spite of the strong opinions expressed by the Royal Commission in favour of a national settlement and in spite of a similar expression of belief by the Government, they have had to pay the toll of the vanquished to the victors. They would feel that their national organisation had been designedly broken up and they would probably set to work to prepare for the day when they could reopen the issue. Such a prospect would be a negation of all the Prime Minister's noble hopes and avowals; it would mean that peace in industry had been indefinitely postponed. It is to be hoped that efforts will be made to open up fresh avenues for negotiation and that the Government will not take the view that the best interests of those it represents will be best served by a policy of inaction which will never be productive of a lasting settlement.

CABARET TITBIT.

EXHIBITION DANCERS FOR HONG KONG.

BALL ROOM NUMBERS.

The management of the Cafe Restaurant Parisien announce the engagement, for a short season only, of M. and Mme. Yourio Yourio, ball-room and exhibition dancers.

M. and Mme. Yourio arrive in Hong Kong crowned with laurels gained at the Astor House and Plaza Hotels in Shanghai, where they have just concluded highly successful seasons.

Prior to opening in Shanghai, these speciality dancers, toured India, Java and the Straits Settlements, and, judging by press accounts of their performances, it may be anticipated that local lovers of the Tropicopolitan art are in for a rare treat.

The "Yourios" bring with them an extensive wardrobe—quite necessary when one reads the long list of the varied numbers which form their repertoire, including, as it does, Russian national dances, Spanish, Egyptian and Oriental dances and a number of solo items, each of which requires special costumes.

TROOPS LOOT BANKS.

(Continued from page 1.)

In some instances, the Chekiangites were pushed back without much trouble. Other "rebel" bodies deserted the railway and moved out into the country.

From Kashing (see "guide" elsewhere), the Allies advanced and are believed to have entered Hangchow already.

All military observers at Kiangsi and on the whole of the 100 miles front in Kiangsi are unanimous that hostilities have ceased for several days.

It is almost certain, that Sun Chuan-fang still holds Kiukiang; also it is unlikely that he has fled or that his men have lost Nanchang.

A despatch from Kiukiang says that the Cantonese got very close to Nanchang but subsequently retired (westwards) without much fighting.

Wu Pei-fu's Attack. On the most northerly front, however (that to the North of Hankow) where the Cantonese are holding positions facing Wu Pei-fu's army, fighting has broken out.

Wu-shin-kwan is a pass near the Honan-Hupeh frontier which Wu Pei-fu gave up about a month ago. One of his armies is stated to have moved southwards and attacked the Cantonese garrison there, with what success it is not known.

General Tang Sang-chi (commanding the 8th Army), who was left in charge of Hankow and environs by General Chang Kai-shek, is reported to have gone northwards to Kwangshui to supervise in person the defence against this raid by Wu Pei-fu.

It is felt that Wu Pei-fu, knowing that large bodies of Southerners had been withdrawn from his front to reinforce the Army in Kiangsi, is making a determined attempt to get back, especially as Chang Tso-lin is gradually pushing him southwards.

A wireless message broadcasted from Rugby under yesterday's date, reads:—

At Shanghai, which last week seemed liable to be involved in fighting, all is reported to be quiet and the Chekiang troops which were advancing upon the town have withdrawn.—British Wireless Service.

Corps of Rebellion.

Shanghai, Oct. 22. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's local headquarters has received a telegram from Hangchow (capital of Chekiang province) stating that Hsia Chao has fled and that the "people of Hangchow" are sending delegates to meet the coming Sun Chuan-fang army from Kiangsu province.

Later. Sun Chuan-fang's forces have reached a point ten miles from Hangchow and are negotiating with the military party and gentry to take over control of the city.

This coupled with Hsia Chao's decampment, means that figuratively speaking the Chekiang rebellion has breathed an expiring sigh, and its corpse will be buried when Sun Chuan-fang's troops enter Hangchow.—Reuter.

'QUAKE IN 'FRISCO.

RESIDENTS RUSH FROM THEIR BEDS.

HOTEL WALLS CRACKED.

San Francisco, Oct. 22. A sharp earthquake at 4.30 o'clock this morning brought people in alarm from their beds, as far south as Palo Alto. Buildings rocked in San Francisco, but no damage was done.—Reuter's American Service.

Clocks Stopped.

San Francisco, Oct. 22. The tremor was followed by two further shocks, the former of which was sharper than the first but only of fifteen seconds duration. Plate-glass windows were broken and walls cracked in the Palace Hotel.

Clocks in numbers of other buildings stopped.—Reuter's American Service.

FLYING SQUAD.

MEMBER HURT OUT ON PATROL.

In company with other members of the Police Flying Squad which was out on patrol yesterday, Sanitary Inspector Charley sustained slight injuries to face and hands as a result of his machine overburning at Western street. The machine in front of his stopped suddenly and to avoid a collision, Mr. Charley swerved with the result that the side car came up.

LORD FISHER.

THRILLING LETTER TO A SHANGHAI LADY.

MEMORIES REVIVED.

To many people of the older generation the heroic struggle at Wansien must have recalled a flood of memories of similar happenings in China in the old days. The present Lord Fisher on September 13, contributed the following letters to "The Times": (To the Editor of the "Times.") Sir,—Now that British gunboats are in action in China again, I wonder whether you would care to publish the enclosed account of the taking of the Peiho Forts, written by my father to the wife of the bank manager at Shanghai. I believe. The original letter is in my possession.

The year of the letter is 1859; the Admiral to whom my father refers is Admiral (afterwards Sir James) Hope, and his captain was Captain (afterwards Sir Charles) Shadwell.

I am, etc.,
FISHER.
Kilvestone Hall, Thetford,
Norfolk, Sept. 13.

June 23.—We are just going to take the Forts, so Good-bye.

June 23. Off the Peiho Forts.

My dear Mama,—By some wonderful means I have escaped unhurt, although my dear old Skipper has been very badly wounded in the foot, a large ball still being in it. I don't know whether I can give you a description of it: I feel in such a state of excitement, I will first tell you those who are killed or wounded that you know. Inglis, our Marine Officer, was smothered in the mud when we landed, being first wounded. Poor Huleath is badly wounded in the groin; I don't think he will live. He fell close to me. Capt. Van-sittart had his leg shot off, and Purvis is slightly wounded. There are very few wounded, I fancy, in comparison to those killed. In the Plover, the next gunboat to ours, 26 men were killed and wounded, the Admiral being one of them. Rason, her Commander, was smashed to atoms, so was McKenna the Military Secretary, and all the Admiral's staff nearly. In the last part of the action I was the only one left to carry the orders about, the Flag Lieutenant having been sent to command the Plover with a fresh crew from other ships and the Secretary being busy taking notes. Kestrel gunboat next but one to us, 3 left unhurt of her crew. We had a hard fight for it, but what could we do against such a fearful number of guns? and our poor little gunboats enclosed in such a small place, not much broader across than the length of our ship. I will try and send you a small plan of it from the plan that I had given to me for the use of my old Skipper. I got one to be sent to old Compton for a fellow who has written a description of it for him.

Poor Bowden Smith had his arm smashed. I had three fellows to look after in the Coromandel wounded, the old skipper, Bowden Smith, Buckle of the Magiceuse, and a mid of the Fury.

"Admiral Behaved Splendidly." The old Admiral behaved splendidly after he had part of his thigh and leg shot away. He had a cot swung to a pole and was carried about in a boat from the Plover to the Coromandel to encourage the men, and then was hoisted up on the bridge till he was hit again, and then they laid him down on the quarter-deck where he remained till night. He won't be brought out to the Chesapeake, but will stop within range. My poor old Skipper keeps his pecker up. I was with him all day till he was wounded in the mud, and then I brought him out to the ship. Major Fisher, of the Engineers, told me the forts were splendidly built, we couldn't have built better. Hills is all right, he had to stop on board. I had to fling all my arms away, coming back from the forts, and was nearly smothered once, only one of our blue-jackets was kind enough to have me out. You sank up to your knees at least every step, and just fancy the slaughter going 500 yards in the face of that fire of about 30 pieces of artillery right in front of you and on each flank; it was dreadful, horrible work, but thank God I came out all right. Board I hear is slightly wounded, but it is only a rumour. Gallons Jones I am afraid has lost his gunboat. The Kestrel is gone down and I am afraid the Coromandel will go too. They had horrid fire balls firing at us when we landed, I saw one poor fellow with his eye and part of his face burnt right out. If a piece struck you, it stuck to you and regularly burnt you away until it was all gone. "Will you be so good, Mama, as to forward the enclosed letter for my Mother, to tell her I am all right?" The old Skipper, Briggs, and myself had nothing to

eat for 36 hours and, very odd, we didn't feel in the least hungry. Old Hills gave me his cabin last night, I was regularly done up. It is a sad business. Is it not, Mama? But they will be able to see by the return of killed that we fought hard for it. The Chinamen fought like anything. Some of the fellows solemnly swear they saw the Russians quite distinctly when we got to the foot of the ditch. I believe they must have been Russians; no Chinamen ever fought like those fellows did yesterday. They had fearful advantages, no doubt. I expect the Admiral will either die or go home very shortly. He never suspected the place was so strong. There are about 50 or 60 guns more than last year and all the old forts are rebuilt on a different principle. They were never Chinamen who planned those forts.

"Not Born to be Shot."

June 30.—I had to go into the forts again just after I had finished writing the above to try and get some papers of the Captain's and some other little things that he valued. We have lost three of the Gunboats, the Coromandel, the Plover and the Lee. We burnt the Plover to the water's edge, or rather, the mud edge. We have blown part of the Coromandel up, and we are going to have one more try for the Lee. It is rather ticklish work going in there, for we are only 300 yards from them at most, and they have got about 25 guns right in front of us, and occasionally they let us have it all. I am certain I am not born to be shot. The little Kestrel is sunk, but I think they will get her up all right. We have 12 men killed and 18 wounded, out of 130 who left the ship; that's pretty good, you know. We found poor Inglis's body with his jaw blown off, and frightfully disfigured, by the water.

I shall expect such a long letter in answer to this. I am certain you ought to be highly flattered when I tell you that it is longer than the one I wrote to my Mother.

Mr. Bau Tsu-zung, B.M., B.S., has been added to the register of medical practitioners.

Mr. Wan Lu-shing, 12 D'Aguilar Street, has been added to the register of chemists and druggists.

With reference to Government Notification No. 276 of May 7, 1920, it is notified that after December 31, a red T will be used as signal No. 1 of the Hong Kong Local Storm Signal Code, in place of the red CONE used at present.

It is notified that the Wing Kee & Co. having lodged a statement of particulars pursuant to section 8 of the Chinese Partnership Ordinance, 1911, is registered as a Chinese partnership with the following registered partners:—Wong Kwong-tin and Leung Kam-kong.

ARMSTRONG-HOLYOAK WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Captain C. D. Armstrong, M.C., of the 1st East Surrey Regiment and his bride, Miss Dorothy Holyoak (daughter of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) photographed in Government House last Saturday after their wedding in St. John's Cathedral.

FRAUD ALLEGED.

POSED AS SHIPPING MANAGER?

\$1,200 AS SECURITY.

An ingenious fraud is alleged against a Chinese who appeared at court this morning.

According to Police evidence, he represented himself as manager of a shipping firm and obtained various sums as security from persons wishing to obtain positions.

These sums include \$500 from a prospective comprador, and other amounts totalling over \$700 from others whom it is alleged he promised positions such as godown keeper, watchman etc.

Sub-Detective Inspector Fallon prosecuted and the case was remanded.

A Forged Order.

Another Chinese was charged at the instance of Sub-Inspector Lane with uttering and presenting a forged money order purporting to emanate from the Kwong Shing Cheong firm of Shek Ki Heungshan district to a firm which had business connections with it.

This case was also remanded. 100 Piastre Note.

Mr. F. H. Losby defended another Chinese charged with uttering a forged 100 piastre note on the Bank de l'Indo Chine on Thursday.

It was alleged that the same men had presented a similar forged note on Tuesday and had obtained payment on it. The forgery having been detected, a watch was kept and the man was arrested on the occasion of the second presentation.

The defendant stated in court that he was given the note by another man who also had received it from a third person.

The case was remanded.

NO CRIME INCREASE.

"ROUGUES & VAGABONDS" INVASION.

Considering the large numbers of strange Chinese brought down daily by the river boats, many of whom are among the type known to the Police as "rogues and vagabonds," there is a remarkable absence of any increase in crime since the "invasion"—a tribute to the efficient work of the Hong Kong police force.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Archibald Orr Lang to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council for a period of five years, with effect from April 7.

DEAFNESS: INSANITY

STUPIDITY, MISTAKEN FOR LUNACY.

WRONG DIAGNOSES.

Allegations of the wrongful certification of deaf persons as insane, and of deaf children as mentally deficient, are made in the second annual report of the National Institute for the Deaf. The Institute claims that it has in its possession evidence of a number of cases in which the deaf have been detained as a result of erroneous diagnosis.

The report is signed by Lord Charnwood, President of the Institute, and Mr. M. Birley, Chairman of the Executive Committee. It speaks in strong terms of the present methods of determining the mental condition of the deaf.

"The Committee have evidence of the fact that deaf children who are merely the victims of neglected education and training are sometimes certified as mentally defective and placed in institutions that are clearly unsuitable for them," the Report declares. "Three actual instances of this erroneous diagnosis and detention were reported during the year. The neglect to educate deaf children at a suitable age frequently induces in them an artificial stupidity which non-expert persons may regard as mental defect."

Suggested Safeguards. Existing methods of certifying deaf adults as insane are condemned by the Committee in the following words:

"We are of opinion that the usual methods of certifying insanity in the cases of deaf persons are as unsatisfactory as those obtaining in the diagnosis of mental deficiency in deaf children. Having become aware of several instances of wrongful certification we submitted to the Royal Commission on Lunacy a statement on the dangers of the present method of relying on the opinions of medical practitioners who have no knowledge of the inherent effects of deafness or its possible complications. It is hoped that the Commission will advise that in future the deaf suspected of insanity will be safeguarded against the awful risks of wrong judgment and of association with the mentally deranged by having them examined by an expert in the psychology of deafness."

The Report has something to say of the manner in which deaf motorists are treated by Magistrates. "The offences charged against these persons have usually been of an ordinary character, and such as are committed by hearing persons in great numbers," it states. "Nevertheless, it is clear from their expressions that the Magistrates in several cases have taken the affliction of deaf offenders into greater account than their offences."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

October 23—Queen's Theatre: The Great Sea Spectacle "Zebrugge."

October 23—World Theatre: "Turn to the Right."

October 23—Star Theatre: "Oliver Twist."

October 23—Special dinner dance at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

October 23—First Dance of the season at the Craigengower Cricket Club, 9.15 p.m.

October 23—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

October 30—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Sports.

October 30—Fanning Hunt Races, Kwant Race Course, Fanning.

October 30—Annual sport of the Scottish Company, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, on Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

November 3—Sixth bi-annual race for "Trevelva Trophy" from Channel Rocks, 4 p.m.

November 6—Fifth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auctions. October 23—Miscellaneous goods at Messrs. Lammer Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, 11 a.m.

Meetings. October 23—Extraordinary meeting of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, 2 p.m.

November 2—Hong Kong & Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd. hold 5th annual meeting at 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

November 6—Third annual meeting of the H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., at Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

November 6—Twenty-third annual meeting of shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Voeux Road, Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road, noon.

Miscellaneous. November 20—Annual Fete for raised by H.K.W.C. & M.C.C. in the grounds of Government House, from 2.30 p.m.



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The Layton Incorporation Committee has chosen as a motto for the new borough "Ministrando Dignitas" ("There is dignity in serving"), and application has been made to the Hon. Mr. Justice for a grant of arms.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Canton Villages were sold yesterday by order of the mortgagee at the China Auction Rooms. After an increase of \$20,000 on the upset price, Mr. Lam Heung, c/o the American Express Co., became the purchaser for \$70,000.

Warsaw.—Dr. Wilke, Professor of Astronomy in Danzig, who discovered the Wilke Peleier Comet in 1925, has just discovered another comet of the sixth magnitude. He will give information about it to American observatories, where observations will be continued.

Riga.—The investigation into the cause of the sinking of the Soviet steamer "Burevestnik" at the mouth of the Pechora harbour has been concluded, and "Pravda" reports that the life preservers were found up to tightly that it was impossible to loosen them except with a knife. The first mate of the steamer has been censured for incompetence and despite the fact that he is a Communist, his papers have been cancelled and he has been reduced to the rank of ordinary seaman. The investigation committee also censured the men of the Red Navy who were en route to the ship and whose conduct was not up to Soviet traditions.

Melbourne.—It is generally understood that the long delay in the appointment of a successor to Sir Matthew Nathan as Governor of Queensland is due to the Government's desire to secure the appointment of a Queenslander. The New South Wales Government's decision to open the forthcoming session with a Commission instead of by the Governor is believed to be due to the strained relations between the Premier, Mr. Lang, and the Governor, Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair, because of the latter's refusal to make additional Legislative Council appointments. The Governor will therefore be deprived of one of his most important official functions.

Valuable household furniture will be sold by Messrs. Lamert Bros. at their Duddell Street auction rooms at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, and at No. 5 Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Friday, at 2.45 p.m.

Caution must be exercised by motorists who use the round-the-island road. This is open again as from to-day but in some places where the road was breached by storms, only half the width is at present available.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu has ordered the immediate arrest of Mr. Huang Yuch, Tzuoh of Tientsin, Kansu, in the Revolution of 1911, for attempting to cause a mutiny among the Shensi troops stationed at Yencheng and Suiping districts.

Christchurch.—A striking illustration of the quality of British manufactures was recently afforded in Invercargill when the garages department removed a motor from a street in which they are no longer required. Though put down 50 years ago, it was found on examination that the bulk of them were in perfect order, and 75 per cent. of them are now being used in another street.

Paris.—Twelve French Suffragettes, under the leadership of Mme. Marthe Bay, are to make a motor tour of France and spread propaganda in favour of votes for French women. They propose to be absent from Paris for four months, and will visit almost every town of importance, besides hundreds of villages. Their motor-car is decorated with a green and gold banner bearing the inscription "Women Ought to Vote."

Christchurch.—Among the subjects which it is hoped Mr. Coates, the New Zealand Premier, will bring before the Imperial Conference is the loss of nationality by British women on marriage with an alien. Mr. M. Cohen, who initiated a debate on the subject in the Legislative Council, pointed out that Canada had removed the disability. There was an almost universal demand among the women of the Empire, Mr. Cohen said, that on marriage with an alien a woman should have the right to preserve her British nationality if she wished to do so.

According to the old Chinese calendar, to-morrow is "Frost's Descent" or Shuang-ching (which is pronounced sung kong in Cantonese).

A 13-years-old lad named W. H. Peter David rescued a woman swimmer, Mrs. Enock James, at West Bay, Portcawl, Glamorgan. Mrs. James, a strong swimmer and the mother of twins 4 months old, was seized with cramp. She shouted for help, and young David immediately went out to her and held her up until someone went to his assistance.

Addressing the members of the Private Schools' Association at their autumn conference at Windsor, Mr. A. A. Somerville, M.P. for Windsor and formerly an Eton master, said that there was a tendency among the young people of to-day to think that they had a right to be supported without working and to believe that the State was bound to do everything for them.

A grand piano was responsible for one of the worst traffic blocks ever known in the Strand. The piano, with five upright pianos, was in a lorry travelling in the direction of Waterloo Bridge. Just as the vehicle reached the centre of the junction of the Strand, Wellington-street, and Aldwych, the piano fell off with a crash, completely blocking the streams of traffic in all directions.

The opening of the Morden and Kennington tube extension marks the completion of a notable engineering feat. A journey may now be taken from Morden to Golders Green, a distance of 16 1/2 miles underground, which is the longest tunnel journey it is possible to take on any railway in the world. Most of the extension runs through a tunnel, except at Tooting Broadway, where an area of shell and shaly clay, narrowed into a sort of concrete, had to be traversed. There was a large quantity of water, so the construction had to be made through what was virtually an underground pond. At the Morden terminus a garage has been constructed for the convenience of residents living at a distance beyond Morden.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A lecture under the auspices of the Church of England Men's Society will be given by Dr. Rufus Jones, Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Monday at 8.45 p.m. The subject will be "Building the New Civilization." Sir Henry Pollock has kindly consented to take the Chair. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested.

At the annual meeting of Hankow St. Andrew's Society the following were elected as the new Committee:—Messrs. A. D. Galloway, president; W. D. B. Miller, vice-president; J. H. Lee, G. S. Small, A. W. Davidson, P. B. Carmichael, Hon. treasurers, and St. Tweedie, hon. secretary. It was decided that the usual ball should be held this year but it was left to the discretion of the Committee as to which day this should take place on account of the present disturbed conditions.

Kang Yu-wei, noted Chinese monarchist who recently left Tientsin for Shanghai by way of Tsinanfu, is reported in Chinese circles to have made a speech at the tzu-pai's yamen in Tientsin shortly before leaving that city, before an audience of Fengtien, Chihli and Shantung leaders, military and civil, in which he declared that there would be no peace in China until the monarchy was restored in a constitutional form. The old man was applauded and smiled upon, but not agreed with. He was given ten thousand dollars as "travelling expenses" and bid on his way.

It is understood that Mr. Thomas Marlowe, who for the past twenty-seven years has been the editor of the "Daily Mail," has resigned from that position. Mr. Marlowe will continue to hold his post as chairman of the Associated Newspapers Limited. Over a long period Mr. Marlowe has been one of the leading personalities of Fleet Street. He was associated with the late Lord Northcliffe in the early days of the "Daily Mail," soon after its foundation in the year 1896. It was not long before Lord Northcliffe, a keen judge of men, came to realise the value of the young Irishman who had joined his staff in a junior capacity, and who already had had some experience of London journalism on the "Star."

Moscow, October 3.—On the lakes and rivers of the Karelia and Murmansk region there has been discovered a rare kind of blue pearl which is very highly appraised on the foreign markets.

Mr. C. H. Sansom, who has been acting Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., took over the duties of Chief Police Officer, Singapore, recently. Mr. R. H. De S. Onraet, who has been acting C.P.O., has gone on leave prior to reverting to his former appointment as Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Mr. J. S. Ferguson, visiting agent, Perak, writes from Home to say that he is now in excellent health. Mr. Ferguson was formerly connected with Wilde and Co., Ltd., but has severed his connection with that firm, and on his return to this country about the end of February, 1927, will carry on business as a visiting agent on his own behalf.

A telegram has been received by H.H. the Sultan of Johore announcing the death in Denmark of Mr. Robert Larsen, who was a well-known rubber planter in Johore for a number of years. Mr. Larsen was for a long period assistant manager of the Sultan's estates, and later he was with the Mount Austin Company. He left for Denmark in June last.

A lecture under the auspices of the Church of England Men's Society will be given by Dr. Rufus Jones (Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania) at St. John's Cathedral Hall on Monday at 8.45 p.m. The subject will be "Building the New Civilization." Sir Henry Pollock has kindly consented to take the Chair. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested.

The distinguished astronomer, Dr. John Louis Emil Dreyer, formerly president of Royal Astronomical Society, has died at his residence at Staverton Road, Oxford. He was born in Copenhagen in 1862, and from 1874-78 he took charge of Lord Rose's observatory in Ireland, afterwards acting as Assistant Astronomer to the Dublin University until 1882, when he took over the directorship of the Armagh Observatory. His works on astronomy include "Planetary systems from Thales to Kepler."

Mr. Bernard Gottlieb has been recognised as consul for the United States in Singapore and Mr. S. G. Ebling as vice-consul for Penang.

Mr. Bernard Nunn, President, Municipal Commissioners, Penang, sailed for Home by the P. and O. "Kashgar" on retirement after 26 years' service.

Daily tea dances will be held on the Hong Kong Hotel roof garden (Sundays excepted) as from Monday. The charge is 50 cents per head, including tea. Entrance is by express lift from the roof garden in Pedder Street. These dances are very popular and have not been held since the fire last New Year's Day.

Tokyo, October 7.—A political fanatic, Kenji Harada by name, was arrested at Ueno Railway Station, this morning. It is said that he hailed from Chiba with the object of assassinating Premier Wakatsuki, who, he says, has lately effected a sweeping change in the list of the Prefectural Governors in order to meet the interest of his own party.

Detroit, October 11.—The American Federation convention voted unanimously without debate to-day to withhold action on a proposal to endorse Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York for the Democratic nomination for President in 1928. The resolutions committee recommended to withhold action, pointing out that Governor Smith was not a candidate for President, but a candidate for re-election as governor in New York. He has the endorsement of the New York state Federation of Labour.

General Haing Shih-lien, who was falsely reported killed in the last war between Generals Sun Chuan-fang and Yang Yu-tung in Kiangsu, assumed office as chief of the Inspectorate of the Metropolitan Police and Military Forces on October 7. He was also appointed to succeed General Mou Chun, who was dismissed and sent to Mukden to be punished for indiscipline, as commander of the 4th Fengtien Division. Yang Shao-fen, former Chief of the Inspectorate, has been allowed to resign. Gen. Haing called at the Garrison Headquarters on October 7 to thank General Yu Chien for his new appointments. General Haing was formerly Garrison Commissioner of Shanghai when General Yang Yu-tung was Kiangsu Tzu-pai.

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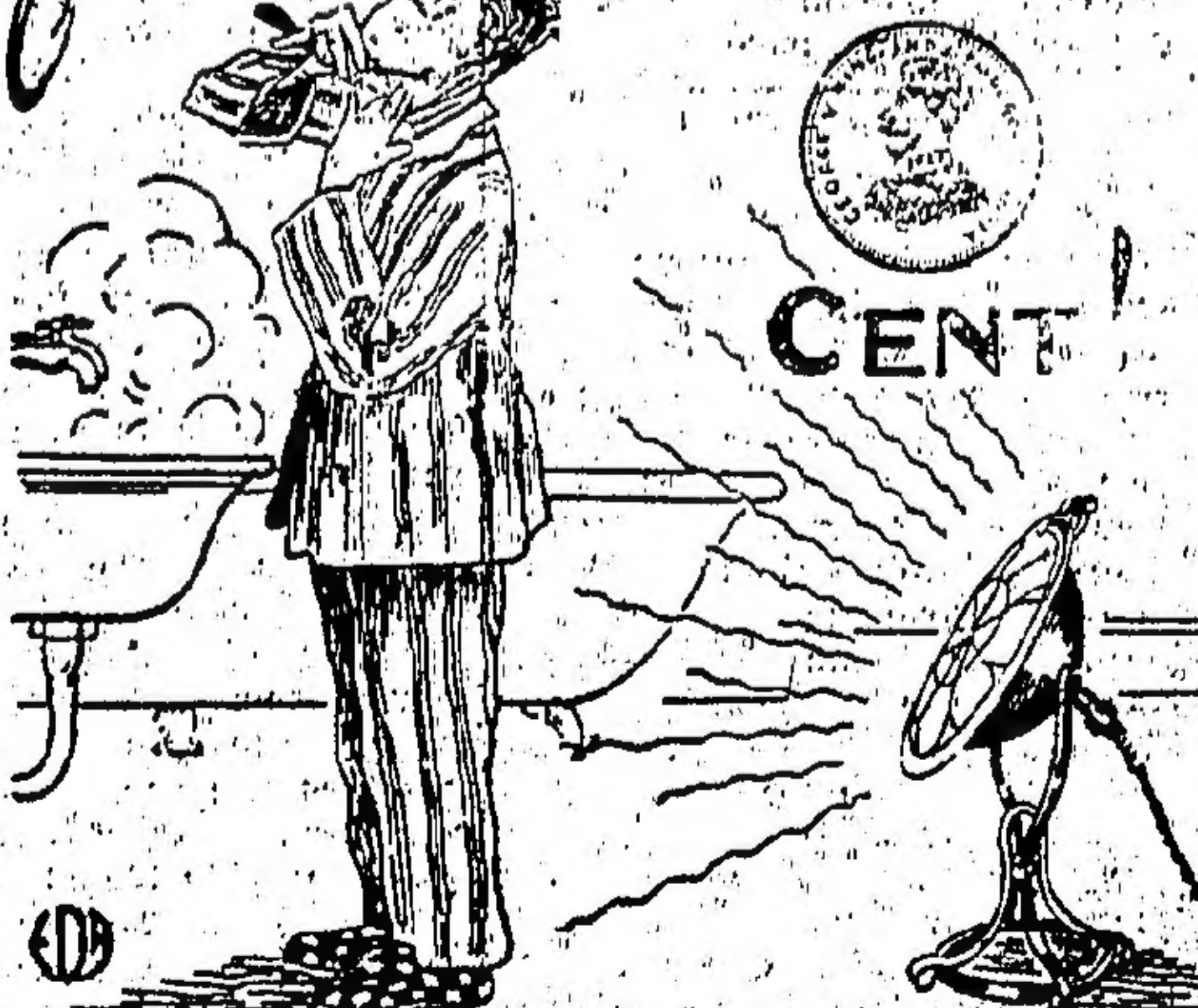
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SPORTS SECTION

LOCAL HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY DEFEAT CLUB "A."

ELEMENT OF "JOSS."

University defeated Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" yesterday by three goals to nil.

The University had more of the "joss" and took full advantage of their chances.

The Club, on the other hand, could do everything but score, especially in the first half when they did all the pressing.

The game started with the Club pressing hard. Plummer had had luck on one occasion, the ball skimming along the goal line but not going through, and the goal eventually cleared.

Half-time arrived with the score sheet blank.

The second half started dramatically. The University got well away and were soon at the Club's end, Dr. Ashton scoring. Elated at their success, the "Varsity" continued to press and shortly after (from a scrimmage round the Club's goal), Sudan netted.

The Club tried hard to reduce the deficit but although they were constantly at the University end they were unable to break through the line defence.

Towards the end the University increased their lead through Ong scoring, thus winning a very fine and fast game by three goals to nil.

University.—Y. C. Teh (Capt.), Dr. Ashton, T. E. Yeh, H. Y. Leong, B. P. Ng, H. W. Ma, C. W. Lam, C. K. Ong, K. T. Loke, A. Sullivan, B. N. Sudan.

H.K. Hockey Club "A".—Duley, Wedlake, Rankin, Newman, Lloyd, Duncan, Rycroft, Southam, Plummer, Nowers, Faers.

MOTOR RACING.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR BRITAIN.

Rugby, October 22. A further world's motor racing record was beaten at Brooklands yesterday by Mr. Barry Thomas in his Leyland Thomas machine. He broke the world's record for an hour from standing start, covering 121 miles 1,307 yards in that time which is a mile and a half better than the previous record made of a Panhard car at Montlery in March. Great Britain thus recaptured the most coveted of all motor records on the eve of the Motor Show which opened at Olympia, London, this morning.—British Wireless Service.

V.R.C. NIGHT FETE.

A night fete will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club this evening, beginning at 9 p.m. In all probability this will be the final fete of the season, and the annual harbour races next week will wind up the aquatic season of the V.R.C.

There will be the usual events and some novelty races.

The Lyric Orchestra will play selections during the sports, and dance music afterwards.

BOXING ASSOCIATION.

The seventh annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Boxing Association is advertised to be held in Messrs. Jardine's board room on Thursday, October 28, at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by an extraordinary general meeting, at 5.45 p.m.

A further extraordinary general meeting is advertised for Tuesday, November 16, at 5.30 p.m., at the same place.

RUGGER MATCH.

There will be a rugby match between the H.M.S. "Hermes" XV and the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club, at King's Park, Kowloon, to-day, kick-off at 4 p.m. The following have been selected to play for the Club: Summers, Stephenson, Morrison, Lammert, Hoere, Ralph, Blake, Millar (capt.), Beveridge, Lee, McIntyre, M. Smith, Garrard, Garrod and Warren.

"CLOSING DAY."

A lawn bowls match between Taikoo (1st division League champions) v. "Rest of the League," will be played at Quarry Bay on Saturday, Nov. 6, commencing at 3 p.m. The day will also be the closing day of the Taikoo bowls season.

The men's golf championship of the Shek-O Country Club is to be played to-morrow. Twenty-six have entered their names for the competition. The conditions are 36 holes medal play.

YACHT CLUB.

PLANS FOR NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of members of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was held at the Club House last night. The Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, was in the chair and supporting him were the Vice-Commodore, Mr. A. L. Shields, Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N., Mr. H. S. Rouse, Mr. F. G. Vaux, Mr. H. R. Cleland (hon. treasurer) and Mr. F. Oliver (hon. secretary).

The Commodore said: "Before putting the report and accounts to the meeting for approval I should like to make a few remarks in reference to them. As regards the reports they are a good and comprehensive record of the activities of the Club during the past season."

The Club is a very live concern now and whereas a few years ago the premises were little used except in the winter, nowadays there is little or no change in its use during the winter and summer seasons. For this very satisfactory state of affairs our thanks are due to Messrs. F. Oliver, H. S. Rouse, S. M. Jack, G. R. Edwards and H. R. Cleland who, during the past season, have worked hard in the interest of the Club.

In connection with yachting Mr. Rouse has put the following proposal to the Committee, viz.:—that for the encouragement of younger members to take up sailing, a portion of the money held in reserve by the Club be allocated to the building of a small cruising yacht, such yacht to be hired to members.

Your Committee have gone into the matter and consider that Mr. Rouse's proposal should be carried into effect by building a boat with a portion of the funds now on fixed deposit at the Bank. I shall ask the meeting later if it is in favour of putting the proposal into effect when Mr. Rouse has spoken on the subject.

The Services. It is hoped that in the coming season the Club and the Navy sailing events will again be held with the enthusiasm that they have in the past, also the military as a unit will, this year, take a part in the race and make the contest a triangular one.

In respect of Moore the Club received a letter from Shanghai asking if we were prepared to support them in running an Olympic regatta at Shanghai. After due consideration your Committee replied to the effect that in view of conditions prevailing in the Colony, we were unable to send a crew to Shanghai. Manila and Singapore were invited to send fours and pairs for an inter-club competition to be rowed off at our coming "Opening Day" and I regret that they were unable to make the necessary arrangement.

Bowling Section. The Bowling section has made considerable progress and is now an important part of the Club's activities and assets. The lawn requires to be returfed and the incoming Committee should take up this question at an early date. The Club has again to thank Mrs. Rouse, the Librarian, for the great interest that she has taken in the Club Library, also for her handsome donation towards the cost of the new bookcase which we should not have felt justified in purchasing but for her contribution. We are very much obliged to her.

Messrs. Tickle and Chater have kindly given their services in looking after the maintenance of the Club premises and the Club's thanks are due them.

The Accounts. I now turn to the accounts which, I am glad to say, show a very satisfactory state of affairs for a club that is used solely for sport. The accounts generally call for little comment but I should like to touch upon the following items.

The Club premises have been revalued and they now appear in the accounts at their present day value of \$70,000.00 as against \$20,231.56 in the last year's accounts. Boats and oars have been heavily written down, although during the past two seasons a Thames training skiff and new oars and sculls have been added to the rowing assets.

It will be noticed that an item of \$925.00, being entrance fees received during the year has, as has been the practice in the past, been added to the reserve which results in an actual balance of \$638.02 on the year's working.

Subscriptions Down.

As regards the working accounts it will be seen that the subscriptions amount to \$215 less than in 1925. This is largely made up by the reduction in the bathing members, and voluntary howling subscriptions being stopped.

The bar profits have been increased by \$306 and is due to the greater use that is now being made of the Club for sailing, rowing, and bowling.

There are only two other items that I think call for remark, they are "bad and doubtful" debts amounting to \$150.07 made up by subscriptions \$127 (due) chiefly to members not only the Secretary when they leave the (Colony), and \$23.07 for refreshment, all in small amounts ranging from 38 cents to \$5.63. It is hoped to recover the major part of the \$23.07. The other item is "Surplus of Expenditure" debited to Reserve Account amounting to \$281.96; of this amount \$99.80 should have been debited in 1925 but the account was not received by the time those accounts were closed.

Therefore the actual working debit for 1926 is \$182 which can be more than accounted for by the decrease in subscriptions of \$215 and the \$150 written off for bad and doubtful debts.

Thanks. The Club working expenses are now being closely scrutinized and it is hoped during the present season to effect economies that will not impair the efficiency of the Club.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Flag Officers, Committee and Members for their encouragement and support during my term of office while I might mention names, I would particularly bring to your notice the thanks that are due from the Club to Messrs. Oliver and Cleland for their efficient work as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively during the past season.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Rear Admiral Stirling seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Officers Elected.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected. Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter.

Vice-Commodore, Mr. A. L. Shields.

Rear Commodore, Captain A. W. Davidson, R.N.R.

Sailing Committee, Rear Admiral Stirling, Lt. Col. H. B. Gunn, Messrs. F. Tracy, H. S. Rouse, C. Edwards, H. J. Pearce, F. G. Vaux, A. W. Van Andel and N. Croucher.

Rowing committee, Messrs. R. M. Jack, H. S. Forsyth, K. Robertson, H. Dreyer, R. L. Moncrieff, Stopani Thompson and Dr. E. P. Minnett.

Bowling Committee, Messrs. G. R. Edwards, W. S. Dixon and Professor J. Anderson.

Hon. Librarian, Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. R. Cleland.

Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Oliver.

The Club's Cruiser. Mr. H. S. Rouse then brought a motion before the meeting for the building of a small cruiser, designed by himself, to be built by the Club and hired out to members. The matter was fully discussed and on the motion being seconded by Mr. A. L. Shields was carried with only two dissentients.

Reminder: entries for the annual harbour races close to-morrow to the V.R.C. at 6 p.m.

Entries for the ping-pong cup championship at the European Y.M.C.A. close to-morrow.

INDIAN SCHOLAR HERE.

Dr. Dharendra Nath Roy, M.A., Ph.D. (U.S.A.) will give an informal talk on Sunday at 11 a.m. in the local Theosophical Society on "Fellowship of Faiths." Dr. Roy has been in the U.S.A. for about four years and has specialized in the fields of education and philosophy. He studied in the University of Iowa and was also teaching philosophy as a Fellow of the university. He is staying with Mr. Lachmandas, No. 38, Wyndham St. and will shortly leave for India.

FAR EAST HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended October 16 reads:

Plague: 2 cases at Mauritius, 1 at Rangoon.

Cholera: 8 cases at Calcutta, 1 at Bombay, 1 at Bangkok, 3 at Shanghai, 13 at Amoy.

Small-pox: 10 cases at Darbaid, 3 at Calcutta, 4 at Bombay, 6 at Madras, 1 at Colombo, 1 at Bakuwan-deli, 2 at Bangkok.

BARRISTER'S OFFICE

BRITISH SUPREME COURT ORDER EXECUTED.

EFFECTS SOLD.

Shanghai, October 16.—In the usual column devoted to auction advertisements there appeared yesterday the announcement that an execution of an order of H. B. M.'s Supreme Court, an auction of office furniture, safe, books on law and the office of Mr. L. K. Kentwell, 221 Suzhou Road yesterday at 10 a.m.

Such a notice is not unusual as judgment is often secured by the same process in all parts of the world. The unusual feature in the fact that the property which was to be auctioned was that of a well known barrister who, for many years, had practised in local Courts and had until recently been a familiar figure in the British Court.

Recently judgment was given against Mr. Kentwell in an action brought against him by a Chinese named Chow Kwei-ching and the case occasioned a great deal of interest locally. After the judgment had been given, Mr. Kentwell gave notice of appeal and it was expected that the appeal would be heard at the sitting of the last Appeal Court. The appeal was never heard and there was a great deal of interest in it. The amount involved in the suit is in the vicinity of \$13,000.

The action brought by the Chinese, who was one of the promoters of the Shanghai Coal Produce and Stock Exchange, was to obtain an accounting of moneys said to have been received by Mr. Kentwell when he acted as liquidator to the above company.

In the judgment handed down by His Honour Judge Peter Gurney, reference was made to a certain registration of a Chinese in the Spanish Consulate and it was stated that this had been secured by Mr. Kentwell by means of false registration. Following the judgment Mr. Kentwell was summoned to appear in the Mixed Court and give reasons why he should not have his name removed from the Mixed Court Register for having falsely registered a Chinese in the Spanish Consulate. Due to the fact that the appeal against the decision of the Supreme Court was pending, the decision of the Mixed Court was reserved after an interesting discussion.

When the appeal never reached the Appeal Court, thus indicating that Mr. Kentwell would submit to the judgment, the machinery of the law was immediately put into operation to secure execution of the judgment. This resulted in the holding of the auction yesterday.

There were not many people at the sale which was conducted by Messrs. L. J. Moore and Co., Ltd. and a total of 42 articles were offered for sale realising a total price of Tls. 457.—"Shanghai Times."

INDIA'S LOYALTY TO THE EMPIRE.

Toronto, September 28.—Addressing the Canada Club, Sir T. Vijayaraghavachari, referring to the book by Dean Inge, in which he expressed the opinion that the attitude of India in any future Empire trouble was very doubtful, said that the attitude of India was as free from doubt as the attitude of Canada would be in another world war.

"We Indians are subjects of the King alone with all his other people. I have faith in the British Empire and it is strengthened by the assurance that the future greatness of Canada, as of India, is bound up with the British Empire. We are all subjects of the mighty Empire which, God willing, will be strengthened in the future as in the past. The resources of British statesmanship are not exhausted. We are in an era which is beginning to have a still more glorious future, which will rest with all British subjects throughout the world."

CEYLON'S GOVERNOR FLIES OVER COLOMBO.

This morning, says the "Times of Ceylon" of October 2, two seaplanes were seen going out as far as Mount Lavinia and one of them, it is interesting to note, carried His Excellency the Governor as a passenger. His Excellency boarded H.M.S. "Hermes" at 7.30 and the flight was started at 7.45. The other seaplane carried Captain Neville. His Excellency's A.D.C.

His Excellency the Governor was in the air for about an hour and had a good view of Colombo. The seaplanes went in the direction of Mount Lavinia and also flew over the North of Colombo.

His Excellency, on arrival on board, was met by Captain Eliot and was shown around the aircraft carrier. His Excellency travelled in seaplane 144, which was piloted by Flight Commander Brookwood.

Views on Treaties.

The report of the Committee on International Relations showed that the National Christian Council had been compelled through pressure of Christian opinion to study the problems connected with the May 30 affair in particular and international questions in general.

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CHURCH IN CHINA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETS IN SHANGHAI.

ARMY & CHRISTIANITY.

Addressing members of the National Christian Council, and a number of supporters and fields of the movement, at the Union Church, Shanghai, on Friday evening last, Dr. Robert Spoor, whose subject was "The Church in the Life of the Nation," said that a study of the British Army during the recent War had shown that eighty to ninety per cent. of the men knew very little of the facts of Christianity. The same thing was to a large extent also true of youth in the United States. To meet this situation in the United States, the public schools in many of the States had made opportunity for many of their pupils to study religious subjects, for which due credit was given.

In Japan.

The session on Saturday morning opened with a brief speech from Dr. R. K. Reischauer who represented the Japan National Christian Council. He referred to the fact that the problems confronting the Christian movement in Japan and China are essentially one in nature. He said that the Japan National Christian Council is among other things co-operating with the Japanese Government in connection with a proposed new bill dealing with religious in Japan. He urged in conclusion that the Christians of China and Japan need to stand together.

International Relations.

The Principal topic of discussion during the Saturday morning session was the report of the Committee on International Relations.

While introducing the report, Mr. T. Z. Koo said that he was uncertain as to whether or not the Christian forces should make a pronouncement on China's present problem of treaty relationships. The reason he gave was that much of what was said by Christians for or against the existing treaty status was based on arguments which seemed to him to be on a plane lower than the true principle of Christian obligations and principles. He referred to the fact that the Kwangtung Divisional Council of the Church of Christ in China had expressed itself as uncertain about the wisdom of turning Christian property over to the Chinese Church. This action had been interpreted by some, Mr. Koo said, to mean that the Kwangtung Chinese Christians felt that treaty protection of Christian property must be continued for the time being. Another interpretation of this action was, however, offered by Mr. Koo to the effect that these Chinese Christians did not wish to accept this responsibility for Christian property until their Western colleagues are prepared to share in the risks involved therein by doing without extra-territorial protection. Mr. Koo felt furthermore that the informed Christians should take a position on this matter that might be a guide to the large mass of ill-informed Chinese Christians in interior centres.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 23, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Foreign Broker's Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/10 3/4	1/10 3/4	1/10 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	79	79	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1180 b 1185	1185 n	1100b 1105sa
do. London	1117 sa (sa)		1118 1/2 a
Chartered Bank	221 b	221 b	
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	20 1/4 n	20 3/4 n	
do. C.	21 1/4 n	21 3/4 n	
P. & O. Bank	20 1/4 n	20 1/4 n	
Bank of East Asia	84 n	82 s	77 s
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	630 b	625 b	1625 n
China Underwriters	145 b	145 b	1 1/2 b
North China Insurance	145 n	140 n	
Union Insurance	205 b	205 b	290 b
Yangtze Insurance	361 Mex	40 n	
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	
H.K. Fire Insurance	610 b	610 b	610 n
Shipping.			
Douglases	30b 30 1/2 sa	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats	29 b	29 b	29 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2 b	2 1/4 n	2 n
Indo-China (Pref)	30 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	90 n	90 b	90 n
Star Ferries	67 s	67 s	66 1/2 s
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 b	24 1/4 b	24 b
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 n	36 n
Mining.			
Benguet	1 1/2 n		
Kallian Mining Ad.	40 n	40 1/4 n	47 n
Langkats (Combined)	38 b	37 1/4 b	28 b
do. (Single)	14 b	14 1/4 b	
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 b	5 b	
Shanghai Loan	19 b	5 b	
Raubs	42 n	4 1/4 b	
Tronch Mines	80 n	80 n	
Ural Caspians	81 n		
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	125 1/2 n	124 1/2 sa	125 n
H.K. & W. Docks	59 n	58 1/2 b 59 sa	60 n
Hongkows	177 1/2 b		177 b
New Engineerings	16 1/2 b	63 1/2 b	64 b
Shanghai Docks	112 b	125 n	121 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	10 1/4 b 10 1/2 sa	10 1/2 b	10 b
Hongkong Lands	65 n	64 s	61 s
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 1/2 s	6 b
H.K. Territorial	4 s	4 s	4 s
Humphreys Estates	16 1/4 s	16 s	16 n
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n		
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	10 1/2 b 10 1/2 sa	10 1/2 b	10 b
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Mounted policemen were required to control the thousands that tried in an effort to see the body of Rudolph Valentino lying in state in New York. Several were injured.



This man, claiming to be Baron von Krupp, of German steel family, was held in Albuquerque, on a bad cheque charge. The Police said that he was an impostor.



A trainer massaged Mrs. Clemington Corson after one of her trial swims in the English Channel shortly before she took off.



Damaging testimony was given by Louise Geist Riehl, former maid in the Hall home, at the hearing of Henry de la B. Carpenter and Willie Stevens, relatives of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall. The men and Mrs. Hall were accused of the Hall-Mills murder.



This woman was injured when the mob, trying to see the body of Rudolph Valentino, lying in state in a New York undertaking establishment, surged forward and hurled her against a window.



Two unidentified admirers prayed for the soul of Rudolph Valentino on the steps of the New York hospital where he died.



Rosina Malo, became insane, are boiled her sixteen-months-old child to death in her New York home.



Gertrude Ederle, who swam the English Channel, and Dudley Field Malone, her attorney, studied scores of offers for her appearance.

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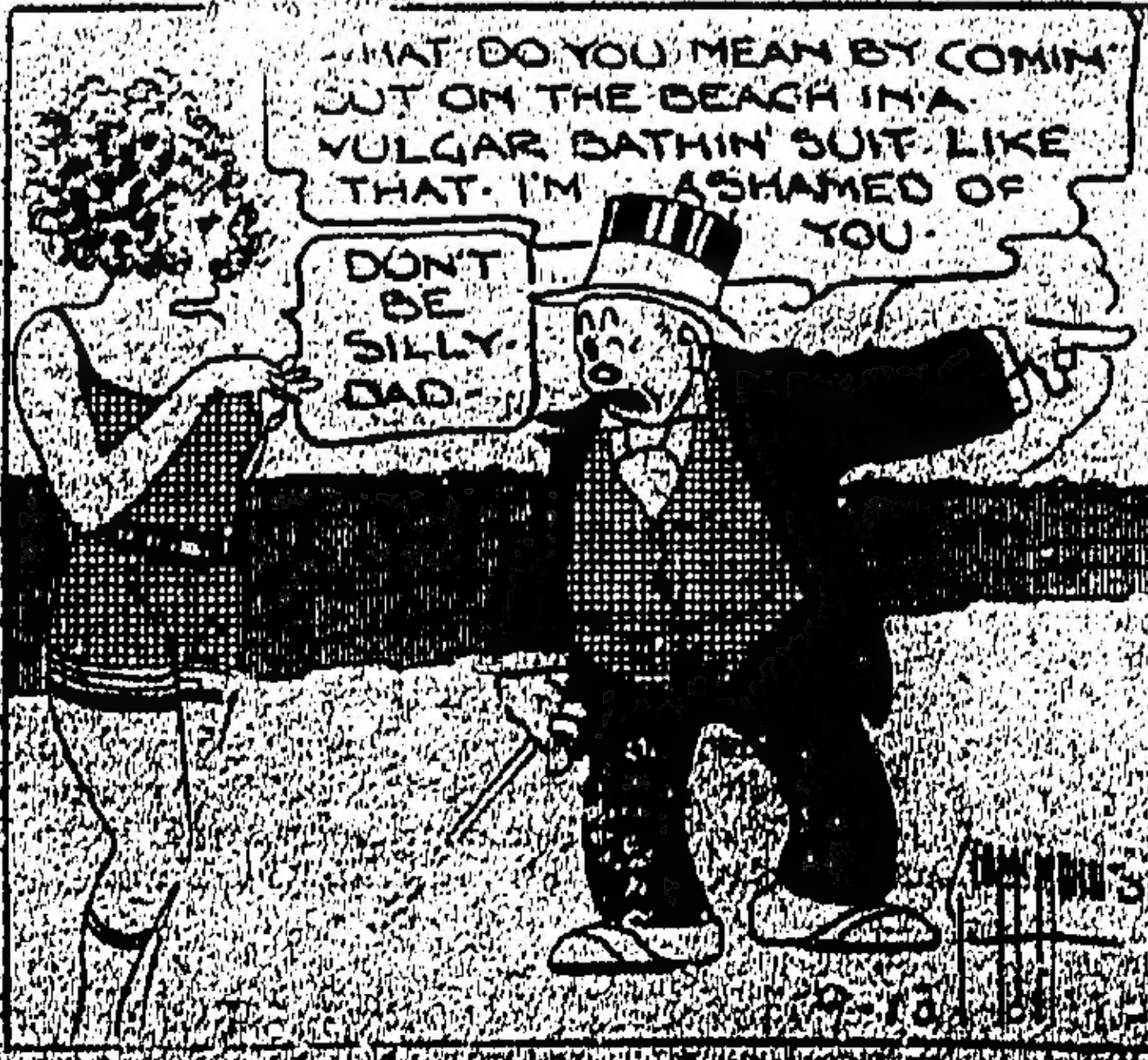
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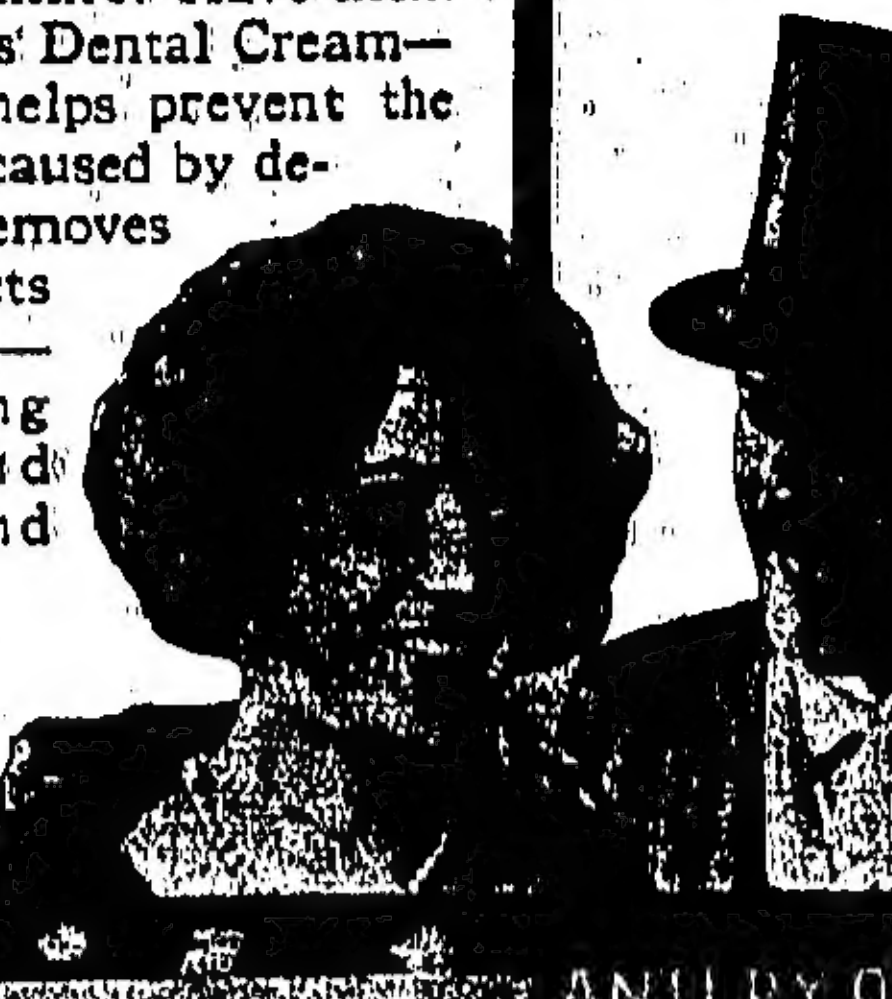
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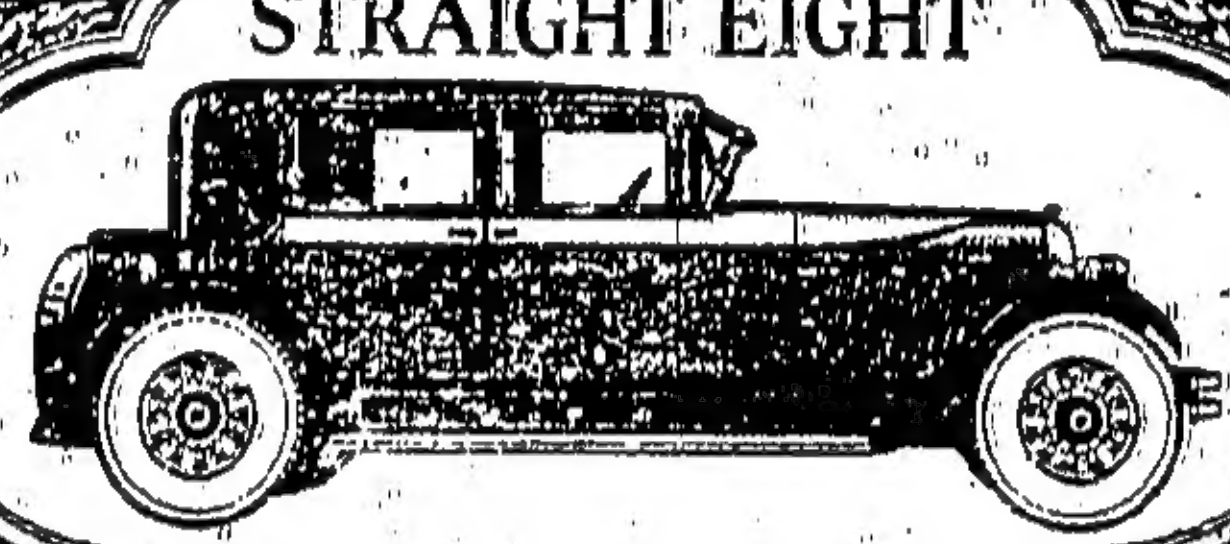
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TIT-BITS.

THE KISS.

Kissing on the mouth may have
come to the Hebrews from the
Persians, who, says Herodotus,
when of equal rank, kiss one an-
other on the mouth, the inferior
only using the cheek, or prostra-
tion to kiss the feet. The holy
kiss as a method of salutation
was in practice among the early
Christians, and caused no sur-
prise in Rome, while it appeared
strange to the Greeks. When Dio
Chrysostom recognised and kiss-
ed Sotades and another friend, he
noted that "the people laughed
loudly at my kissing them. Then
I knew that in the cities they do
not kiss each other." An Eliza-
bethan declares that a kiss
"tastes wondrous well, and full of
the grape." It is to the writers
of that age that we have to go for
the finest kisses in literature—
Marlowe passioning over the kiss
of Faust to Helen, or Othello
dying with a last word of his kiss
to Desdemona.

WHICH IS YOURS?

As for magazines, sailors
should take to "The Atlantic,"
clock-makers to "The Dial," tired
people to "Outing," and Bolshe-
vists to "The Red Book." Lib-
rarians should appreciate "The
Bookman," young wives "Good
Housekeeping," pugilists "Funch,"
and workers in ebony "Blackwoods." Prisoners natu-
rally want "Liberty," contem-
poraries "The Forum," patriotic
folks "The American," devourers
of books "The Literary Digest,"
and all of us "Everybody's" (from
the "Boston Transcript.")

OBEYING ORDERS.

Judge: "Prisoner, did you steal
that rug?"
Prisoner: "No, yer Honour. A
lady gave it to me and told me to
beat it, and I did."

NO INCENTIVE.

Employer: "Sam, I hear you
and Rastus almost had a fight."
Sam: "Yassah, boss, we all
would 'a' had a terrible fracas,
only they wasn't nobody there to
hold us apart."

CHILLS AND FEVER.

Foreman: "Now, Murphy, what
about carrying some more
bricks?"
Murphy: "I ain't feelin' well,
guv'nor; I'm tremblin' all over."
Foreman: "Well, then, get
busy with the sieve."

THE MASCULINE PROTEST.

Mother was talking to Willie.
"Of course, Willie, you will
have your hair cut."
"No, Ma, I won't. It's too
feminine."

MASTERPIECE OF PROSE.

Be substantially great in thy
self, and more than thou appear-
est unto others; and let the World
be deceived in thee, as they are
in the Lights of Heaven. Hang
early plummets upon the heels of
Pride, and let Ambition have but
an Epicycle and narrow circuit in
these. Measure not thy self by
thy morning shadow, but by the
extent of thy grave, and Reckon
thy self above the Earth by the
line thou must be contented with
under it. Spread not into bound-
less Expansions either of designs
or desires. Think not that man-
kind liveth but for a few, and
that the rest are born but to
serve those Ambitions, which
make but flies of Men and wilder-
nesses of whole Nations. Swell
not into vehement actions which
imbroil and confound the Earth;
but be one of those violent ones
which force the Kingdom of
Heaven. If thou must needs
rule, be Zeno's King, and enjoy
that Empire which every Man
gives himself. He who is thus
his own Monarch contentedly
sways the Sceptre of himself, not
envying the Glory of Crowned
Heads and Elohim of the Earth.
—Sir Thomas Browne (1605-82).

PAGE MUSSOLINI.

Earnest Reppert: "Crushing into
the public library? I want the
life of Caesar."
Librarian: "Sorry, but Brutus
beat you to it."

WHY? WHAT? WHEN?

When is a fish a bird?—When
it takes a fly.
When is a boy not a boy?—
When he's a regular brick.
What fish would a sleepy bird
prefer?—A perch.
Why are teeth like verbs?—
Because they are regular,
irregular, and often defect-
ive.
When is a candle in a passion?
—When it flares up and is
put out.
What made the cake walk?—
Seeing the biscuit box.
Why is a house like the sun?—
"Because it has beams."
When does a cook break the
law?—When she poaches
eggs.
What fruit grows on telegraph
poles?—Electric currants
(currents).
Why does opening a letter re-
semble a strange way of
entering a room?—Because
it is breaking through the
ceiling (sealing).
What is the largest room in the
world?—The room for im-
provement.
Why is 'e' the most unfortun-
ate of letters?—Because it
is never in cash, always in
debt, and never out of
danger.

TOO BAD!

An Irish soldier serving in
India so disliked the climate that
he decided to make an effort to
get sent home.
With this in view, he complain-
ed to the doctor that his eyesight
was bad.
"How can you prove that to
me?" asked the doctor.
Pat: "Well, doc, do you
see that nail on the wall?"
"Yes," replied the doctor.
"Well, I don't."

AP PAUL-ING!

There was a young fellow
named Paul,
Who went to a fancy dress
ball;
They say, just for fun,
He dressed like a bun,
And was "ate" by a dog in the
hall!

A CLEVER ONE.

There was an old lady of Kent,
Who travelled wherever she
went;
She moved when she walked,
And she spoke when she
talked,
And whenever she stooped she
was bent.

"WASP-WAISTS."

A shaped poem is really quite
an easy and amusing task after
all. The following is an Ameri-
can's attempt to kill the then pre-
valing fashion of "wasp-waists":

This
is the
shape of
a woman's waist
on which a corset tight
is laced. The ribs, deformed
by being squeezed, press
on the lungs till they're
diseased. The heart
is jammed and
cannot pump,
the liver
is a
tor-
pid lump;
the stomach
crushed, cannot
digest, and in a mess
are all compressed. There-
fore this silly woman grows to
be a beautiful mass of woes,
but thinks she has a lovely
shape, though hideous
as a crippled ape.

This is
a woman's
natural waist,
which corset never
yet disgraced. Inside it
is a mine of health. Outside
it is a thing of beauty
true, and a sweet joy
for ever new. It
needs no artful
padding, vile,
or bustle, big to
give it "style."
It's strong and solid,
plump and round, and
hard to get one arm
around. Also it women
only know and cherish that
these corsets do they do let
Dame Nature have her
way, and never try her
waist to "stay."

MILK MAKES US GROW.

It is amusing to be told, as if it
were a great discovery, that milk
makes boys and girls grow. Of
course it does! Nature knew
what she was about when she pro-
vided animals with milk for the
nourishment of their young.
Some new experiments show
that boys given plenty of milk
beat other boys in size and
weight. Of course! We are also
told that chickens, dogs, and pigs
thrive on a milk ration.
How much money is wasted an-
nually in the pathetic belief that
chemical manufacturers can make
patent foods of marvellous nutri-
tious quality! How many millions
of people cherish the idea that
food can be concentrated in small
bulk or made into tablets! The
truth is that there is only one per-
fect food for mammals, and that
is milk. It contains everything
the baby needs. What, then, is
milk made of? Analysis shows
that every hundred parts of cow's
milk is made up as follows: water,
87 parts; butter fat, nearly 4
parts; albuminoids, 3½ parts;
milk-sugar, 4½ parts; the re-
mainder being mineral matter.
Milk also contains those wonder-
ful organic substances known as
vitamins, which are not properly
understood, but play an important
part in nutrition. All these
things, taken together, form a
perfect diet, and anyone could live
on milk alone.

THE RIF NAPOLEON.

Abdul Krim, the defeated and
captive leader of the Rif tribes-
men, has arrived in his new pris-
on-home of Réunion, where he
will presumably pass the rest of
his life, with his household and
several relatives. His property
has been confiscated and he will
be dependent on his captors for
the wherewithal for his new way
of life. He has expressed his
confidence in their justice and
goodwill, and it is unlikely that
his confidence will prove mis-
placed.

The French Government want
to keep him under their hand, and
to make sure that he will never
make further trouble, and we may
be sure that this Morocco Napo-
leon will not return from his Elba.

Plenty of Room.

What sort of place, then, is
this Réunion Island in the middle
of the Indian Ocean? To begin
with, there is plenty of room to
walk about in it, for it is 40 miles
long and 32 miles broad, with an
area of 965 square miles. Being
an island, it has a reasonably com-
fortable temperature, though only
20 degrees south of the Equator.

On the windward side the tem-
perature varies from 73 degrees
in winter to 78 degrees in sum-
mer, but the rainfall is very
heavy, reaching 160 inches a
year in some places. On the lee-
ward side there are only 50 min-
utes of rain, but the temperature
is higher. The sea is seldom calm
during the day, but the evenings
are reposeful till the night wind
begins to blow. Now and then,
however, the island is visited by
terrible cyclones, which on one
occasion destroyed half the sugar
plantations.

An Island of Mountains.

The mountains of Réunion
should make their prisoner feel at
home, for the island is almost all
mountains. The towns and vil-
lages are built on a small belt of
alluvial plains, from which an
ascent of 2,000 to 4,000 feet
brings the climber to an inner
green belt, covered with sugar
plantations and country houses,
whose gardens are a magnificent
glow of colour. Above these,
again, are the forests; then
plateaus where European vegeta-
bles can be cultivated, and above
these a mighty central mass of
volcanic mountains, culminating
in the extinct crater of the Pit of
the Snows, 10,000 feet high, and
the still active Pit of the Fur-
nace, hardly two thousand feet
lower.

But if the mountains will have
a familiar look there will be little
to remind the prisoner of his old
tribesmen in the gentle and
amiable Creole population (about
170,000), descendants of the
original French colonists and
their Malagasy wives. They
are people proud of their French
citizenship, electing representa-
tives to the Chamber and Senate
in Paris.

What letter in the alphabet is
used to make a shoe?—Z, because
it is the last.

Why are milestones like apple
pipes?—Because they are never
found in pairs (pears).

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Great Opportunities for Development.

A STRIKING REVIEW.

Great Britain's Fine Civilising Efforts.

Rugby, Oct. 22.

In the statement by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. L. S. M. Amery, at yesterday's meeting of the Imperial Conference, a comprehensive survey was given of the progress and development of the British Colonies and mandated territories in various parts of the world.

Referring to the immense growth of the work of the Colonial Office in recent years, he said that the Colonial Empire had, in fact, in last generation evolved as a separate constituent element in the Empire—different on the one side from the self-governing parts of the Empire, based on democratic institutions, and on the other from the complex of races, religions, creeds, and old civilisations which made up the Empire of India. Inasmuch as the responsibility for their various Governments in the last resort lay with the British Parliament, though they had autonomous institutions in a varying degree and increasing measure, this Empire enjoyed a certain unity, which it also derived from the fact that its units were mainly inhabited by populations of a non-white character and were mainly situated in the tropics.

Remarkable Differences.

The Colonial Empire could only for very limited purposes be classified as a type, for its various parts differed enormously in history, racial composition, and stage of evolution. At one end of the scale was a little white self-governing community like Malta, with a very small area, yet with a national feeling of its own. At the other end were the vast backwoods regions of Africa, inhabited by primitive peoples, whom we were only beginning to lift from the most elementary barbarism, and among whom such a thing as national sentiment was, of course, an inconceivable idea. This Colonial Empire covered over two million square miles, and was inhabited by over fifty million people.

Trade Opportunities.

He thought that it was not at all ways realised how great already was the trade done by this Empire, nor how great were the opportunities it offered to Great Britain and the Dominions. The total trade of the Colonies last year, excluding the In and out entrepot trade of Hong Kong, was over \$500,000,000. Since 1905 the total exports from the United Kingdom to the Colonies had risen from £18,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and in the same period British imports from the Colonies had risen from £19,500,000 to \$81,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

HAVANA TYPHOON.

TEN TOWNS WIPED OUT.

Havana, October 22. Reports available put a more serious complexion on yesterday's hurricane than was originally feared. It is believed that 66 were killed and innumerable injured. Over 6,000 are rendered homeless. Three hundred are stated to have been killed at "Batabano" and two hundred in Havana. Ten towns and villages have been completely destroyed, and the damage is estimated at \$100,000,000.—Reuter.

Sugar Factories Demolished. Havana, Oct. 22. The destruction of telegraph and telephone lines and blocked railways and roads have isolated the provinces of Matanzas, Pinar del Rio, and Santa Clara.

Up to the present \$100,000 has been subscribed for the relief of the sufferers.

Two important sugar factories were demolished and a third badly damaged.

A thousand tobacco-curing sheds at Llanabana were destroyed.

Reuter's American Service.

COAL CRISIS.

AN URGENT PLEA FOR SETTLEMENT.

POSSIBLE AVENUE?

Rugby, October 22.

Mr. Arthur Pugh, who is presiding over the General Council of the Trades Union Congress to-day at a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation to consider the position in the coal dispute, has sent a long letter to the "Times" on that subject, containing an urgent plea for settlement in a spirit of conciliation and mutual agreement. Mr. Pugh expresses the conviction that the only solution lies in the application of the Coal Commission's recommendations, and urges a temporary arrangement enabling the mines to resume work pending the achievement of a national agreement.

The "Times" points out such a temporary arrangement would have to take account of areas where work is resumed. The "Times" adds that if Mr. Pugh and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress persuade the miners to accept such a plan, they will open up a possible avenue to a settlement worthy of the careful examination by the Government and Parliament.—British Wireless Service.

Special Conference.

London, Oct. 22. After conferring with the Miners' Executive all day long the General Council of the Trade Union Congress decided to call a special conference of the Executive and the members of the Affiliated Unions on November 3 to consider the question of a levy on the members of affiliated Unions.

It was decided that the question of an embargo on the import of foreign coal must be considered with the principal Unions affected.—Reuter.

No Promise.

Rugby, October 22. The Miners' Executive to-day met the General Council of the Trades Union Congress with the object of endeavouring to obtain an embargo on imported coal and a levy on Unions.

Details of the discussion were not officially disclosed, but it is understood that the General Council, whilst expressing sympathy with the miners, did not promise either an embargo or a levy.

The Trade Union leaders took the line that it was time that the parties to the dispute got back to the Coal Commission's recommendations. They were willing to use their good offices to induce the Government, if possible, to permit further deliberations on the lines of the Coal Commission's report, but the two sides to the discussion had not reached a common platform regarding the suggestion when the meeting was adjourned.—British Wireless Service.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

DESIRE FOR PRE-WAR SERVICE.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Berlin, Oct. 22.

On the initiative of the Russian Government an International Conference on the Europe-Far Eastern passenger traffic has been opened in Berlin. There are 70 delegates from thirteen States, including China and Japan.

The object is to re-establish and improve the pre-war railway service from the West of Europe to the Far East.

Herr Dormmüller, Managing Director of the German Railways, emphasised the vital importance of the Trans-Siberian Railway. He hoped that the conference would make possible a journey to Peking from Paris in twelve days.

The conference will probably last a fortnight.—Reuter.

A little boy from Canada, who had never seen a negro, was riding with his uncle in New York when he saw a coloured lady.

"Why does that woman look like a face?" he asked his uncle.

"That's her natural colour," said the uncle.

"Is she black like that all over?" "Yes," replied the uncle.

Then the lad came back. "Opa, Uncle, you know everything, don't you?"

DISARMAMENT.

AMBASSADORS' CONFERENCE AND GERMANY.

A REPORT CONTRADICTED.

Rugby, Oct. 22.

A report that the Conference of Ambassadors at its Wednesday's meeting in Paris reached a decision that German disarmament is sufficiently advanced to warrant the question being handed over to the control of the League of Nations is not true.

It can be stated officially that the matter was not even discussed by the Ambassadors.

In addition to other business before the Conference a number of points connected with German disarmament were discussed, and correspondence upon them with the German Government is being continued.—British Wireless Service.

EDITOR LAUDED.

BRONZE BUST OF C. P. SCOTT.

Rugby, October 22.

A bronze bust of Mr. C. P. Scott, who for 55 years has been editor of the "Manchester Guardian," was yesterday presented to the City of Manchester by Lord Derby on behalf of a large number of subscribers, including outstanding figures in the Church, Politics, Art, Literature and Law. A notable tribute was paid by Lord Derby to the independence, courage and earnestness of conviction with which the "Guardian" has been conducted under Mr. Scott, and letters were read from the Prime Minister and other public men of all political parties expressing deep appreciation of the work of Mr. Scott, who is 80 years of age.—British Wireless Service.

AEROPLANE FALLS.

GREAT COOLNESS OF THE PILOT.

Rugby, October 22.

Ten passengers, seven American, two British, and one Greek, five being women, who were all saved from an air-liner which came down in the Channel yesterday, owe their lives to the coolness and skill of the pilot, Captain Diamore. He kept complete control of the machine and alighted on the tail in the water thus causing it to keep afloat, while the signals he had sent out were bringing assistance. Directional wireless enabled his exact position to be fixed.

The passengers, passing through emergency exits in the cabin roof with their lifebelts, were led to the tail of the machine, thus balancing the weight of the engines. British fishing boats took off the passengers, pilot, and machine, no one suffering anything worse than a soaking. The aeroplane with its contents will probably be saved. The machine is the first to be lost by the Imperial Airways since 1924.—Reuter.

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